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## FOREWORD.

There are already a number of editions of the KHORDEH AVESTA, which is the Book of Daily Prayers for all Zarathoshtis. They are of all sizes, with or without Gujarati translations, or with short summaries of each piece. So far there has been no edition containing the texts with translations into English. At the present time most of the Parsi children outside Bombay and the important towns of Gujarat are ignorant of Gujarati. And even in Bombay a good number of those attending "English" schools are more or less unable to read Gujarati. This is particularly the case with our girls. It is for these children, as well as for their parents, that this little book is primarily intended. Every human being, even the "rationalist", needs

some ideals for life. Ordinary people like ourselves call these ideals "religion", the "rationalist" uses perhaps another word. We need not dispute here about words. It is very necessary that our younger generation should realise that Zarathushtra, our Prophet, taught the highest ideals of life and that these are found embodied in the Avestan Scriptures.

In this book I have chosen those prayers which are most frequently used and which are also among the finest. In the translations I have deliberately avoided being literal, yet I have tried to remain as close to the spirit of the original as possible. I have appended "notes" at the end, to which I draw particular attention of the reader. They are meant to explain some of the purely "theological" points, or to draw

attention to some special signification. For all opinions expressed in the notes, as well as for the translation, the compiler alone is responsible.

Our Co-ordinating Council of Zarathoshti Religious Bodies fervently hopes that this little book may supply a needed want. We offer this venture to our younger generation in the hope that it may rouse in them a desire to know more about our ancient heritage—the ideals of life taught by Zarathushtra.

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*Andheri, 20th August, 1939.*

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TO  
THE SACRED MEMORY  
OF  
SETH MERWANJI MUNCHERJI  
CAMA,  
THE TRUE AND FAITHFUL SERVANT  
OF  
ZARATHUSHTRA





ત્રાણ મૂળ કલ્પામો.

અર્પેમ્ વૉહૂ

અર્પેમ્ વૉહૂ વહિશત્તમ અસ્તી, ઇશતા અસ્તી,

ઇશતા અહ્માય દ્યન્ અપાઇ વહિશતાઇ અર્પેમ્.



## THE THREE PRAYERS.

### ASHEM VOHU.

Righteousness<sup>1</sup> is the highest good ;  
that alone is true happiness ;

Happiness comes to him, who is right-  
eous for the sake of the highest Right-  
eousness.

યથા આહૂ વધર્યો

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અથા રતુશ અપાત્ત ચિત્ત હન્યા ;

પંચહૃદિશ દગ્ધતા મનંચ્છેદા

બ્યઔથનનાંમ અંચ્છેદિશ મજ્જતાય ;

ક્ષત્રેમન્યા અહુરાય આ

ચિમ્ દિગુખ્યો દદત્ વાસ્તાર્મ.

## YATHA AHU VAIRYO.

Just as the Temporal Ruler<sup>1</sup> is all-  
 powerful among men,  
 so, too, is the Spiritual Teacher<sup>2</sup>, even by  
 reason of his Righteousness;<sup>3</sup>  
 the gifts of Good-Mind<sup>4</sup> are for those,  
 who work for Mazda, the Lord of Life;  
 and the Strength of Ahura is given  
 unto him,  
 who unto his poor brothers giveth help.

## ચેંઘહે હાતાંમ

ચેંઘહે હાતાંમ આઅત ચેસ્ને પધતી વઘહે,  
 મજ્જદાઓ અહુરો વએથા અપાત હયા,  
 યાઓઘહાંમયા તાંસુયા તાઓસુયા યજમધદે.

## YENGHE HATAM.

That person among the living, who, by reason of his Righteousness, is recognised as a worthier worshipper by Mazda Ahura,—that person—man or woman—do we revere.

## કેમ ના મજૂદા

૧ કેમ ના મજૂદા મરણે પાપુમ દદાવ,  
 હાલ મા દ્રગવાઓ દીદરેપતા અઝનંદાદે ?  
 અન્યેમ શ્વહાલ આશ્રસ્યા મનંદ્રહસ્યા,  
 યયાઓ બ્યઓથનાઇશ અપેમ ધ્રઓશતા  
 અહુરા ?  
 તાંમ મોઇ દાંસ્તવાંમ દએનયાઇ કાવઓઆ.

૨ કે વરેધેમ જ શ્વા પોઇ સેનગહા પોઇ  
 હુન્તી,

ચિદ્રા મોઇ દાંમ અહમ-ખિશ રત્રમ ચીજદી;  
 અલ હોઇ વોહ સેરઓપો જન્ત મનંદ્રહા,  
 મજૂદા અહાઇ યહાઇ વપી કહાઇચિત.

## KEM-NA MAZDA.

1. What being, O Mazda, shall grant  
protection to a mortal like myself,  
when the evil-minded threaten to over-  
power me?

Who can it be other than Thy Fire<sup>1</sup> and  
Thy Good-Mind<sup>2</sup>,—

through whose activities is furthered  
Thy Righteous Law, O Ahura?

This Knowledge vouchsafe unto me  
that I may spread Thy Faith.

2. With the help of Thy Words, which  
are a shield, who shall smite-down  
our foes?

Clearly unto me a Soul-healing Leader  
do Thou reveal :

then unto him<sup>3</sup> let Sraosha<sup>4</sup> approach  
with Good-Mind,—

unto him, O Mazda, whom Thou dost  
love.



૩ પાત-નો દિખ્યન્તલ પધરિ મજ્જદા-  
ઓસચ આરમધતિશચ સ્પેન્તસચ.

નસે દઝેવી દુક્ષ, નસે દઝેવો-ચિથ્રે  
નસે દઝેવો-ફકરશ્તે, નસે દઝેવો-ફદાધતે.

અપ દુક્ષ નસે, અપ દુક્ષ દાર, અપ દુક્ષ  
વીનસે,

અપાખેઢ્રે અપ-નસેહિ, મા મરેનચધનીશ  
ગઝેથાઝા અસ્તવધતીશ અપહિ.

૪ નૅમસચા યા આરમધતિશ ઇજ્જચા.

અપેમ વાહુ ૧.

3. Protect us all around from our foes,  
Ye both, O Mazda and Armaiti.<sup>5</sup>

Perish thou, devilish Druj,<sup>6</sup> perish thou,  
Devil's spawn, perish thou, Devil-fa-  
shioned, perish thou, follower of Devil's  
laws.

Utterly perish, O Druj; utterly vanish,  
O Druj; do thou utterly and entirely  
disappear, O Druj.

Vanish thou utterly in the North<sup>7</sup>;  
mayest thou never destroy the cor-  
poreal creation of Divine Law.<sup>8</sup>

4. Salutations unto Holy Devotion and  
unto Holy Zeal.

Ashem Vohu (1).

નીરંગે કુસ્તી અસ્તન.

(અહુરમઝ્દ ખોદાએ)

૧ અહુરમઝ્દ ખોદાએ. અહિરેમન  
અવાદશાંન દૂર અવાજ દાસ્તાર; જદ  
શેકસ્તેહુ બાદ.

૨ અહિરેમન, દેવાંન, દૂખાંન,  
જદૂઆંન, દરવંદાંન, કીકાંન, કરેકાંન,  
સાસ્તારાંન, ગુનેહગારાંન, આશમેગાંન.  
દરવંદાંન દુશ્મનાંન, કીઆંન, જદ શેકસ્તેહુ  
બાદ.

૩ દુશ-પાદશાહાંન અવાદશાંન બાદ;  
દુશ્મનાં સતોહુ બાદ; દુશ્મનાં અવાદશાંન  
બાદ.

૪ અહુરમઝ્દ ખોદાએ! અજ હમા

# NIRANG-E KUSTI-BASTAN.

## (AHURA-MAZDA KHODAE.)

1. Ahura-Mazda is the Lord. May the Evil One<sup>1</sup> be thrust far from us; may he be frustrated and defeated.
2. May the Evil One, the wicked spirits, the false ones, the deluders,<sup>2</sup> those who have left the right path,<sup>3</sup> those wilfully blind,<sup>4</sup> those wilfully deaf,<sup>5</sup> tyrants and doers of evil and distorters of truth, the evil-minded<sup>6</sup> who have strayed from the path of God, the fair seducers<sup>7</sup>—may all these be frustrated and defeated.
3. May wicked rulers be thrust far from us; may the evil-minded be defeated and thrust far from us.
4. O Ahura-Mazda, our Lord! From all my sins do I turn back and I repent.

ગુનાહ પતેત પરીમાનુમ્ . અજ્ઞ હરવસ્તીન  
 દુશ્મત દુશ્મૂખત દુશ્મવરશત, મેમ્ પ ગેતી  
 મનીદ્, ઓએમ્ ગોકૃત, ઓએમ્ કરદ્,  
 ઓએમ્ જસ્ત, ઓએમ્ જૂન્ જૂદ્ એસ્તેદ્,  
 અજ્ઞ આન્ ગુનાહ મનશની ગવશની કુનશની.  
 તની રવાંની, ગેતી મીનાઆંની, ઓએ.  
 અવાજ્જ પરીમાન, પ સે ગવશની, પ પતેત  
 હોમ.

પ દનઆથ અહુરહે મજ્ઞદાઓ. તરો-  
 ઇદીતે અંધરહે મઘન્યેઉશ, હુઇથ્યાવરશતાંમ  
 હ્યત્ વસ્ના ફેરપોત્તેમ્મ.

સ્તઆમિ અપ્પેમ.

અપ્પેમ વૉહૂ ૧. યથા અહૂ વઇશ્યો ૨.  
 અપ્પેમ વૉહૂ ૧.

From every evil thought, evil word, and evil deed, which in this world I have harboured in mind, which I have uttered, and which I have committed, or which from me has gone forth, or whose origin I have been<sup>8</sup>; of all such sins against thought, word and deed, pertaining to my body and pertaining to my soul, pertaining to this world or to the world of Spirit,—from all such sins with a contrite heart repenting with triple-pledge<sup>9</sup> do I turn back.<sup>10</sup>

5. Through propitiation of Ahura-Mazda, and through frustration of the Spirit of Evil (we attain) the fulfilment of all, that most perfectly answers to His Will.<sup>11</sup>

I praise Righteousness.

Ashem Vohu (1). Yatha Ahu Vairyo (2).

Ashem Vohu (1).

જસ મેં અવંધૂં મજૂદ.

૧ જસ મેં અવંધૂં મજૂદ.

મજૂદયસ્નો અહીં, મજૂદયસ્નો જર-  
થુશત્રિશ. કવરાને આસ્તૃતસ્યા કવરૈતસ્યા.

આસ્તુયે હુમત્તમ મનો;

આસ્તુયે હુમત્તમ વચો;

આસ્તુયે હુવરૈશ્તમ વ્યવ્થાનમ.

૨ આસ્તુયે દ્યૌનાંમ વંધૃદીમ માજૂ-  
દયસ્નીમ, કસ્પાયઞ્ચાંમ, નિધારનઞ્ચ-  
થિપ્મ, પ્રત્યેવદથાંમ, અપઞ્ચાનીમ.

# JASA-ME AVANGHE MAZDA. (THE ZOROASTRIAN CREED.)

1. Come unto my help, O Mazda!

I am a worshipper of Mazda. I profess myself to be a Mazda-worshipper and a follower of Zarathushtra. I am a devoted follower and an ardent supporter of this Faith.

I solemnly dedicate myself to the true-conceived thought ;

I solemnly dedicate myself to the true-spoken word ;

I solemnly dedicate myself to the true-performed act.

2. I solemnly dedicate myself to the excellent Religion of Mazda-worship, which removes quarrels, which causes swords to be sheathed, which teaches self-sacrifice and which leads to Right-  
conduct.



યા હાધતિનાંમયા બૃહ્યેધન્તિનાંમયા  
 મજિશ્તાયા, વહિશ્તાયા, સ્ત્રએશ્તાયા, યા  
 આહુધરિશ જરથુશત્રિશ.

અહુરાઇ મજ્દાઇ વીરપા વૉહુ ચિનહ્મી.

અએપા અસ્તી દઝેનયાઝા માજ્દયસ્નો-  
 ઇશ આસ્તૂઇતિશ.

અપૅમ્ વૉહુ ૧.

Of all the Faiths that have been or that shall be,<sup>2</sup> this is the greatest, and best and the loftiest, this Faith of Ahura, revealed by Zarathushtra.

Unto Ahura-Mazda do I attribute all good.

Such is the solemn dedication of the Faith of Mazda-worship.

Ashem Vohu (1).

## પાંચ ગાહો

### ૧ ઉપહિન ગાહ.

ઉપહિનાઈ અપઞ્ચાને અપહિ રથ્વે,  
યસ્નાઈય વહ્માઈય દ્વનાઞ્ચાઈય ક્સસ્તય-  
એચ; ઘેરેજયાઈ ન્માન્યાઈય અપઞ્ચાને  
અપહિ રથ્વે, યસ્નાઈય વહ્માઈય દ્વનાઞ્ચા-  
ઈય ક્સસ્તયએચ.

### ૨ હાવન ગાહ.

હાવનેએ અપઞ્ચાને અપહિ રથ્વે,  
યસ્નાઈય વહ્માઈય દ્વનાઞ્ચાઈય ક્સસ્તય-  
એચ; સાવંઘ્રાંદ્રએ વીસ્વાઈય અપઞ્ચાને  
અપહિ રથ્વે, યસ્નાઈય વહ્માઈય દ્વનાઞ્ચા-  
ઈય ક્સસ્તયએચ.

## THE FIVE GAHS.

### 1. USHAHINA GAIH

*(From midnight to daybreak.)*

For the worship and the praise, for the propitiation and the glorification of Ushahina the Righteous, of Righteousness the Master; for the worship and the praise, for the propitiation and the glorification of Berezya and the Lord of the House, the Righteous, of Righteousness the Master.

### 2. HAVAN GAIH

*(From daybreak to midday.)*

For the worship and the praise, for the propitiation and the glorification of Havani the Righteous, of Righteousness the Master; for the worship and the praise, for the propitiation and the glorification of Savangha and the Lord of the Village, the Righteous, of Righteousness the Master.

## ૩ રપિથ્વન ગાહ.

રપિથ્વિનાઇ અપઝાને અપહુ રથ્વે,  
 યસ્નાઇય વહ્માઇય દ્વનઝાઝાઇય ક્સસ્તય-  
 ઝેય; ક્ષાદ્વ-કૃપવે જન્તુમાઇય અપઝાને  
 અપહુ રથ્વે, યસ્નાઇય વહ્માઇય દ્વનઝા-  
 ઝાઇય ક્સસ્તયઝેય.

## ૪ ઉજરન ગાહ.

ઉજયેઈરિનાઇ અપઝાને અપહુ રથ્વે,  
 યસ્નાઇય વહ્માઇય દ્વનઝાઝાઇય ક્સસ્તય-  
 ઝેય; ક્ષાદ્વ-વીરાઇ દ્વજ્યુમાઇય અપઝાને  
 અપહુ રથ્વે, યસ્નાઇય વહ્માઇય દ્વનઝા-  
 ઝાઇય ક્સસ્તયઝેય.

### 3. RAPITHWINA GAH

*(From midday to the middle of the afternoon.)*

For the worship and the praise, for the propitiation and the glorification of Rapithwina the Righteous, of Righteousness the Master; for the worship and the praise, for the propitiation and the glorification of Fradat-fshu and the Lord of the Province, the Righteous, of Righteousness the Master.

### 4. UZAYEIRINA GAH

*(From the middle of the afternoon to sunset.)*

For the worship and the praise, for the propitiation and the glorification of Uzayeirina the Righteous, of Righteousness the Master; for the worship and the praise, for the propitiation and the glorification of Fradat-vira and the Lord of the Land, the Righteous, of Righteousness the Master.

પ અઘવિસૂત્રિમ ગાહ.

અઘવિસૂત્રિમાઘ અઘખિગયાઘ અપ-  
 ઝાને અપહિ રશ્વે, યસ્નાઘય વહ્માઘય  
 દેનઝાઘય કસસ્તયઝેચ ; કાદત્-વીસ્પાંમ  
 હુજ્યાઘતેઝે જરથુશ્ત્રોત્તમાઘય અપઝાને  
 અપહિ રશ્વે, યસ્નાઘય વહ્માઘય દેનઝા-  
 ઘય કસસ્તયઝેચ.

## 5. AIWISRUTHRIMA GATH

*(From sunset to midnight.)*

For the worship and the praise, for the propitiation and the glorification of Aiwisruthrima the Righteous, of Righteousness the Master; for the worship and the praise, for the propitiation and glorification of Fradatvispam-hujyaiti and the Holiest Zarathushtra, the Righteous, of Righteousness the Master.



## સરોશ ખાજ.

૧ દનઔથ અહુરહે મજદાઓ.  
અર્ષમ વૉહુ ૧.

૨ ૫ નામે યજ્ઞદાંન્ અહુરમજ્ઞદ યોદાએ  
અવજ્ઞની, ગોરજે ખોરેહુ અવજ્ઞયાદ.

સરોશ અશો, તગી, તન્-કર્માન્, શેકકૂત  
જીન્, જીન્ અવજ્ઞર, સાલારે દામાને  
અહુરમજ્ઞદ ખેરસાદ.

અજ્ઞ હમા ગુનાહ...૫ પતેલ હોમ.

(નીરંગે કુસ્તી ખસ્તન, ક. ૪.)

યથા અહુ વધસ્યો ૫. અર્ષમ વૉહુ ૩.

૩ કવરાને મજ્ઞદયસ્નો જરથુશત્રિશ  
વીદએવો અહુર-તકઔષો,

(જે ગાહ હોય તે પઢે)

## SRAOSHA BAZ.

1. To the glory of Ahura-Mazda.

Ashem Vohu (1).

2. In the name of Ahura-Mazda, the Lord God, the Beneficent. May His glory and His radiance increase.

May Sraosha the holy, the strong, the Holy-Word incarnate,<sup>1</sup> the Wielder of the effective weapon, the Wielder of the victorious weapon, the Leader of all the creation of Ahura-Mazda, come unto us.

Of all my sins do I repent....with triple pledge I turn back.

*(Nirang-e Kusti Bastan, para 4.)*

Yatha Ahu Vairyo (5). Ashem Vohu (3).

3. I profess myself to be a Mazda-worshipping follower of Zarathushtra, opposed to the Daevas,<sup>2</sup> acting in accord with the Law of Ahura, For the worship and the praise..... of Righteousness the Master.

*(The appropriate Gah to be recited here.)*


૪ સ્વર્ચોપહે અબ્યેહે, તજમહે, તનુ-  
માંત્રહે, દરૂપી-દ્રવ્યોશ . આહુધર્યેહે,  
દ્વનર્ચોથ યસ્નાધન્ય વહ્માધન્ય દ્વનર્ચોથાધન્ય  
દ્રસસ્તયએચ, યથા અહૂ વધસ્યો જઓતા  
કા મે શ્રુતે, અથા રતુશ અપાત્તચિત્ત હન્ય,  
કા અપવ વીધ્વાઓ અર્ચોત્ત.

૫ સ્વર્ચોર્ષમ્ અર્ષીમ્, હુરર્ચોર્ધમ્,  
વૈરથાજનૈમ્, કાદત્ત ગએથૈમ્, અપવર્નમ્  
અપહે રત્તમ્ યજમર્ષદે.

આહુર્નમ્ વધરીમ્ તનૂમ્ પાદતિ.

(ત્રણ વખત ભણે.)

યથા અહૂ વધસ્યો ૧.

૬  કેમ ના મજ્જદા...

(આખી ભણી જવી.)

યથા અહૂ વધસ્યો ૨.

4. For the worship and the praise, for the propitiation and the glorification of Sraosha the holy, the strong, the Holy-Word incarnate, the Wielder of the victorious weapon, the Upholder of the Law of Ahura,—to the Glory of Sraosha may the Zaota recite before us the “*Yatha Ahu Vairyo*”, and may the wise (Rathwi) recite “*atha Ratush ashat-chit hacha*”.<sup>3</sup>

5. We worship Sraosha the holy, the beautiful, the victorious, the Bringer of prosperity to the world, the Righteous, of Righteousness the Master.

The Ahuna-Vairya<sup>4</sup> saves the Self.

(Repeat thrice.)

Yatha Ahu Vairyo (1).

6. What being, O Mazda, .....

(Kem-na Mazda.)

Yatha Ahu Vairyo (2).

૭. યદેનંમય વહ્નંમય અઘ્નંજસય  
જવરેય આક્રીનામિ, સ્ત્રઘ્નંપહે, અબ્યેહે,  
તજમહે, તનુ-માંત્રહે, દરુપિ-દ્રઘ્નંશ, આહુધ-  
સ્યેહે.

અષ્ટમ વાંદ્ર ૧.

7. I revere the worship and the praise,  
the strength and the power of Sraosha  
the holy, the strong, the Holy-Word  
incarnate, the Wielder of the victori-  
ous weapon, the Upholder of the Law  
of Ahura.

Ashem Vohu (1).

## અહ્માધ રએશચ.

અહ્માધ રએશચ ખરેનસચ, અહ્માધ  
તન્વો દ્રવતાતેમ, અહ્માધ તન્વો વજ્રદરે,  
અહ્માધ તન્વો વરેથેમ, અહ્માધ ઇશતીમ  
પઞ્ચોત્તરશ-ખાત્રાંમ, અહ્માધ આરનાંમ-  
ચિત્ ક્ષજન્તીમ, અહ્માધ દરેધાંમ દરેધો-  
જીતીમ, અહ્માધ વહિશતેમ અહૂમ અપઞ્ચા-  
નાંમ, રઞ્ચાચંદ્રહૂમ, વીરપો-ખાત્રેમ.

અથ જમ્યાત યથ આદીનામિ.

અર્ષમ વૌહુ ૧.

## AHMAI RAESH-CHA.

(May the Lord grant) unto him<sup>1</sup> splendour  
 and glory ; unto him health of the  
 body ; unto him strength of the body ;  
 unto him conquest of the body ; unto  
 him happiness of full contentment ;  
 unto him progeny with inborn  
 wisdom ; unto him long continuance  
 of life and unto him, finally, the  
 Best World of the Righteous, bright  
 and all-glorious.

May it come about as I entreat.

Ashem Vohu (1).



## હજ'ઘરેમ્.

હજ'ઘરેમ્    બએપજનાંમ,    બએવરે  
બએપજનાંમ.

(ત્રણ વખત ભણે.)

અર્પેમ વૉહૂ ૧.

જસ મે અવંઘહે મજ્દ.

જસ મે અવંઘહે મજ્દ; જસ મે  
અવંઘહે મજ્દ; જસ મે અવંઘહે મજ્દ.

અમહે હુતારતહે હુરઆંધહે, વરેઘઘહે  
આહુરધાતહે, વનઙ્નત્યાઓસચ ઉપરતાતો.

રામનો ખાસ્ટહે, વયઆંશ ઉપરો-કધ-  
ર્યેહે તરધાતો અન્યાધશ દામાંન્;-અએતત્  
તે વયો, યત્ તે અસ્તિ રપેન્તો-મઙ્ન્યઆમ્;-  
શ્વાપહે ખધાતહે, જૂરવાનહે અકરનહે,  
જૂરવાનહે દરેધો-ખધાતહે.

અર્પેમ વૉહૂ ૧.

## HAZANGREM.

A thousand means of health, ten thousand means of health (may he obtain from the Lord).

*(Repeat thrice.)*

Ashem Vohu (1).

## JASA ME AVANGHE MAZDA.

Come to my help. O Lord!

To the glory of Strength well-created, and of the beautiful Lord of Victory<sup>1</sup> (Behram) created by Ahura, and of the All-conquering Power.<sup>2</sup>

To the glory of Rama of sweet pastures,<sup>3</sup> of Vayu<sup>4</sup> the most efficient, created higher than other creation;—to the glory, O Vayu, of that part of thine which belongs to the Good-Spirit;—to the glory of the Firmament self-sustained, of Boundless-Time, of Time self-sustained for long Aeons.

Ashem Vohu (1).

કં રૂં ફે હ મો જૂ દ્.

કંરૂંફેહ મોજૂદ ગુનાહ ગુજારેશનેરા કુનમ્,  
અંશાહી રવાન દુશારમરા. હમ્ કેરૂંફેહ હમા  
વેહાંને હકૂત કેશ્વર જમીન, જમીન-પેહેના,  
રૂદ-દરાના, ખોરૂશોદ-ખાસા, બુન્દેહાદ  
બેરસાદ.

અશો બેદ, દેર જી.

અથ જમ્યાત્ત યથ આફ્રીનામિ.

અર્ષમ વાહુ ૧.

## KERFEH MOZD.

To gain the reward of good deeds and to win forgiveness for sins, I perform righteous acts for the love of my Soul. May all good deeds of all good men, throughout the seven spheres<sup>1</sup>, get their share of blessings wide as the earth, extensive as the rivers, exalted as the Sun.

May thou be righteous and long-lived.  
May it come about as I entreat.

Ashem Vohu (1).

## હાવન ગાહ.

૧ દનઔઞ્ચ અહુરહે મજ્જદાઓ.  
અષ્મ વાહૂ ૩.

૨ ક્વરાને મજ્જદયસ્નો જ્જરથુશત્રિશ.  
વીદ્યેવો અહુરહઽએષો.

હાવનેએ અપઔઞ્ચે અપહે રથે, યસ્ના-  
ધ્ય વહ્માધ્ય દનઔઞ્ચાધ્ય ક્સસ્તયએચ;  
સાવંદ્રહેએ વીસ્યાધ્ય અપઔઞ્ચે અપહે  
રથે, યસ્નાધ્ય વહ્માધ્ય દનઔઞ્ચાધ્ય  
ક્સસ્તયએચ.

૩ મિથ્રહે વાઉર-ગઔયઔતોધશ  
હજંદ્રે ગઔપહે, બએવર ચમનો,  
અઔખતો નામનો યજતહે, રામનો ખાસ્ટહે,

## HAVAN GAH.

1. To the Glory of Ahura-Mazda.  
Ashem Vohu (3).
2. I profess myself to be a Mazda-worshipping follower of Zarathushtra, opposed to the Daeva, acting in accord with the Law of Ahura,  
For the worship and the praise, for the propitiation and glorification of Havani the Righteous, of Righteousness the Master ; for the worship and the praise, for the propitiation and glorification of Savangha and the Lord of the Village, the Righteous, of Righteousness the Master.
3. For the worship and the praise, for the propitiation and glorification of Mithra<sup>1</sup> of wide pastures, with a thousand ears and ten thousand

દનઔઘ્ર યસ્નાધ્ય વહ્નાધ્ય દનઔઘ્રાધ્ય  
 ક્સસ્તયએચ, યથા અહૂ વધસ્યો જઔતા  
 ક્ષા મે ઋતે, અથા રત્વશ અપાત્વચિત હ્ય ક્ષા  
 અપવ વીધ્વાઓ ઋઔત્વ.

૪ અહુરેમ્ મજ્જદામ્ અપવન્મ અપહે  
 રત્વમ્ યજ્ઞમધદે;

જરથુશ્ત્રેમ્ અપવન્મ અપહે રત્વમ્  
 યજ્ઞમધદે;

જરથુશ્ત્રહે અપઔનો ક્વષીમ યજ્ઞમદે;

અમેષે સ્પેન્તે અપઔનામ્ યજ્ઞમધદે.

૫. અષાઉનામ્ વંઘ્ઠિહીશ સૂરાઓ  
 સ્પેન્તાઓ ક્વષયો યજ્ઞમધદે;

અસ્તવતો મનઞ્યાચ અપનોત્તમ્  
 રથ્વામ્ યજ્ઞમધદે;

eyes, the Worshipful-One of the renowned name,<sup>2</sup> of Rama of sweet pastures,—to the glory of these both, may the Zaota recite before us the “*Yatha Ahu Vairyo*” and may the wise (Rathwi) recite, “*atha Ratush ashat chit hacha*”.

4. We worship Ahura-Mazda, the Holy, the Master of Righteousness.

We worship Zarathushtra the Holy, the Master of Righteousness.

We worship the Fravashi<sup>3</sup> of Holy Zarathushtra.

We worship the Righteous Holy Immortals.<sup>4</sup>

5. We worship the excellent, brave Fravashis of the Righteous.

We worship the foremost of the Masters of the mundane and the spiritual



યએતુશતૈર્મમ્ યજ્ઞતનાંમ્, હંધ્રહુશતૈર્મમ્  
અપહૃ રથ્વાંમ્ અધવિનસાંસ્તૈર્મમ્ ;

જઘ્નમૂશતૈર્મામ્ અપઞ્ચાનો અપહૃ રથ્વો  
રતુક્રિતીમ્ યજ્ઞમધદ્.

૬. હાવનીમ્ અપવન્મ્ અપહૃ રત્વમ્  
યજ્ઞમધદ્;

હૃતિર્વાતાત્મ્ અપવન્મ્ અપહૃ રત્વમ્  
યજ્ઞમધદ્;

અર્મૈરેતતાત્મ્ અપવન્મ્ અપહૃ રત્વમ્  
યજ્ઞમધદ્;

આહુધરીમ્ ક્ષન્મ્ અપવન્મ્ અપહૃ  
રત્વમ્ યજ્ઞમધદ્;

આહુધરીમ્ લઙ્ઞેષ્મ્ અપવન્મ્ અપહૃ  
રત્વમ્ યજ્ઞમધદ્;

યસ્નૈર્મ્ સૂરૈર્મ્ હૃતંધ્રહાધતીમ્ અપવ-  
ન્મ્ અપહૃ રત્વમ્ યજ્ઞમધદ્.

We worship the most helpful among the  
Worshipful-Ones,<sup>5</sup> who is the most  
worthy and the most supporting  
among the Masters of Righteousness.  
And we revere the most effective prayer  
of these holy Masters of Righteousness.

6. We worship Havani<sup>6</sup> the Holy, the  
Master of the Righteousness.

We worship Haurvatat the Holy, the  
Master of Righteousness.

We worship Ameretat the Holy, the  
Master of Righteousness.

We revere the Holy Question<sup>7</sup> to Ahura  
leading to Righteousness.

We revere the Holy Law of Ahura<sup>8</sup>  
leading to Righteousness.

We revere the powerful Yasna Haptang-  
haiti<sup>9</sup> leading to Righteousness.

૭ સાવંદ્રહ્યેમ્ વીસીમચ અપવન્મ  
અપહ્ને રત્નમ્ યજ્ઞમધદે;

અધસ્યમન્મ ઇષીમ્ અપવન્મ અપહ્ને  
રત્નમ્ યજ્ઞમધદે, અમવન્તમ્, વૈરંદ્રાજન્મ,  
વિહમ્યેષંદ્રહ્યમ્, વીરપ હમ્યેષાઓ તઉ-  
રવયન્તમ્, વીરપ હમ્યેષાઓ તિતરંતમ્.  
યો ઉપ્પેમો, યો મધેમો, યો કૃત્તમો, જ્યોષ્ઠ-  
જુયે તરે માંદ્રમ્ પન્ય ગાથાઓ.

૮ મિથ્રંમચ વૅઉરિ-ગચ્ચાયચ્ચાધતીમ્  
યજ્ઞમધદે, રામચ ખાસ્ત્રેમ્ યજ્ઞમધદે;

વીર્યેહ્ને રથ્વો યસ્નાધચ વહ્નાધચ,  
વીસીમચ અપવન્મ અપહ્ને રત્નમ્ યજ્ઞમધદે.

7. We worship Savangha and the Lord of the Village, the Righteous, the Master of Righteousness.

We revere the holy Airyema Ishyo<sup>10</sup> leading to Righteousness, which is full of strength and leads to success, which is devoid of hatred, nay, always overcomes all hatred and goes beyond it.

This is the Word of Invocation, the first, the middle and the last ; it is the Sacred Word in addition to the five Gathas.

8. We worship Mithra of the wide pastures and we worship Rama of the sweet pastures.

In order to worship and to praise the Lord of the Village we revere the holy Visya,<sup>11</sup> the Master of Righteousness.

૯ મિથ્યમ વૉઉર-ગચ્ચોયચ્ચોઈતીમ  
 હજ'ધર-ગચ્ચોપેમ, બચ્ચેવરે-ચમનંમ,  
 ચચ્ચોખ્તો-નામનંમ યજતંમ યજમઈદે;

શ્રમ પ્રાદેત્રમ્ યજ્ઞમધદે.

૧૦ ધ્વાંમ્ આતરેમ્ અહુરહે મજ્જદાઓ  
પુથ્રેમ્ અપવર્નેમ્ અપહે રત્તમ્ યજ્ઞમધદે;

હુધ જઝાંધ્રમ, હુધ અમ્ભ્યાઓંદ્રહનમ,  
ધમત્ત ખરેરમ અપય કસ્તરેતમ, અપવનમ  
અપહિ રત્તમ યજમધત્તે;

અપાંમ નસારંમ યજ્ઞમધદે, નધરીમ  
સંઘ્રહંમ યજ્ઞમધદે, તાજ્ઞમંમ દામોધશ-ઉપ-  
મનંમ યજ્ઞતંમ યજ્ઞમધદે;

ધરિસ્તનાંમ્ ઉરવાંનો યજ્ઞમધદે, યાઓ  
 અપઓનાંમ્ ક્ષવપયો.

9. We worship Mithra of the wide pastures, with a thousand ears and ten thousand eyes, the Worshipful-One of the renowned name.

We worship Rama of the sweet pastures.

10. Thee do we worship, O Fire, Son of Ahura-Mazda, Master of Righteousness.

We revere this holy Baresman,<sup>12</sup> spread with ceremony, which, together with the Libation and the Sacred Girdle,<sup>13</sup> leads to Righteousness.

We worship Apam-Napat,<sup>14</sup> we worship Nairyesangha,<sup>15</sup> we worship the strong Dama-Upamana,<sup>16</sup> the Worshipful-One.

We worship the Souls of the departed who are united to the Fravashis of the Righteous.<sup>17</sup>

૧૧ રત્નમ્ ઔરજન્તમ્ યજ્ઞમધદે યિમ્  
અહુરેમ્ મજ્ઞદામ્, યો અપહૃતે અપનોત્તમે,  
યો અપહૃતે જઘ્નમૂશત્તમે;

વીરપ સ્તવાઓ જરથુશત્રિ યજ્ઞમધદે;

વીરપત્ય હવરશત ઔઓશન યજ્ઞમધદે,  
વરશતત્ય વરેયમ્નત્ય.

યેંધ્રહૃતે હાતામ્...

યથા આહુ વધસ્યો ૨.

૧૨ યસ્નમત્ય વહ્નમત્ય અઓજસત્ય જવ-  
રત્ય આક્રિનામિ, મિથ્રહૃતે વોઉર-ગઓયઓધ-  
તોધશ હજંધરો-ગઓપહૃતે અએવર-ચમનો  
અઓખ્તો-નામનો યજ્ઞતહૃતે, રામનો ખાસ્રહૃતે.

અપમ્ વોહુ ૧.

અહ્માધ રએશત્ય;

હજંધરેમ્;

જસ મે અવંધ્રહૃતે મજ્ઞદ;

કરેરેહૃતે મોજ્ઞદ.

11. We worship the Supreme Lord,  
Ahura-Mazda, Who is the foremost in  
Righteousness, Who hath advanced  
furthest in Righteousness.<sup>18</sup>

We revere all the Holy Words of Zarahushtra.

We revere all deeds of goodness, both  
those already performed and those to  
be performed.

Yenghe Hatam.

Yatha Ahu Vairyo (2).

12. I revere the worship and the praise,  
the strength and the power of Mithra  
of the wide pastures, with a thousand  
ears and ten thousand eyes, the Wor-  
shipful-One of the renowned name, and  
of Rama of the sweet pastures.

Ashem Vobu (1).

Ahmai raesh-cha.

Hazangrem.

Jasa me avanghe Mazda.

Kerfeh mozd,



## આતશ ન્યાઈશ.

૧ દનઝાથ અહુરહે મજ્જદાઓ.

નમસે-તે આતશ મજ્જદાઓ અહુરહે  
હુધાઓ મજિશત યજત.

અર્ષેમ વૉહુ ૧.

૨ પ નામે યજ્જદાંન અહુરમજ્જદ  
ખોદાએ. અવજ્જની, ઝારજે ખોરેહ અવ-  
જ્જયાહ.

આતશ બેહિરાંમ\* આદર ફરા.

અજ હુમા ગુનાહ...પ પતેલ હોમ.

(નીરંગે કુસ્તી યસ્તન, ફકરો ૪.)

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\* ભણનાર સામેના આતશનું નામ ('બેહિરાંમ',  
'આદરાંન', યા 'દાદગાહ') હયાં પઢવું.

## ATASH NYAISII.

### 1. To the Glory of Ahura-Mazda.

Salutation to Thee, Fire of Mazda-Ahura  
well-created, Thou most high among  
the Worshipful-Ones.

Ashem Vohu (1).

### 2. In the name of Ahura-Mazda, the Lord God, the Beneficent. May His Glory and His Radiance increase.

Unto the glorious Fire, the Fire of  
Behram<sup>1,\*</sup>

Of all my sins do I repent.....with triple  
pledge do I turn back,

*(Nirang-e Kusti Bastan, para 4).*

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\* The proper name of the Fire in front of the worshipper (*Behram*, *Adaran* or *Dadgah*) should be recited here.

૩ ઉસ-મોઘ ઉઘરૅવા અહુરા  
આમંઘતી તંવીષીમ્ દસ્વા,  
સ્પેનિશતા મઘન્યૂ મજૂદા,

વંઘહુયા જવો આદા,

અપા હજો એમવત્

વૉહૂ મનંઘહા ફૅસૅરત્તમ.

૪ રફૅઘાઘ વૉઉરુચપાને  
દાઘષી-મોઘ યા-વે અઘિક્કા,  
તા ક્ષત્રહ્યા અહુરા  
યા વંઘહુઉશ અપિશ મનંઘહો,  
ફો સ્પેન્તા આમંઘતે  
અપા હએનાઁઁ ક્ષદક્ષયા.

3. Unfold Thyself within me, O Ahura,  
 through Armaiti grant me vigour;  
 through Thy most Holy Spirit, O  
 Mazda,  
 grant me goodness as reward for my  
 prayer;  
 through Asha grant me full strength  
 of soul,  
 and fullness of blessings through Vohu-  
 Mano.<sup>2</sup>

4. That I may be blest, Far-seeing Lord,  
 unto me reveal Thy priceless gifts,—  
 the blessings, O Ahura, of Kshathra,  
 and those of Vohu-Mano as well;  
 through Righteousness, O Holy Armaiti,  
 teach unto us the Rules of Faith.<sup>3</sup>

૫ અત્ રાતાંમ્ જરથુશ્ત્રો  
 તન્વસુગ્રીત ખજ્યાઔ દિશતન્મ  
 દદામતી પદિર્વિતાતમ્  
 મનંદ્રહસ્ત્યા વંદ્રહિદિશ મજ્જદામ્,  
 બ્યઔથનદ્યા અપામ્ યાચા  
 ઉજ્જવજ્યાચા સ્વઔષ્મ ક્ષદ્રમચા.

૬ દનઔધ્ર અહુરહિ મજ્જદાઔ.  
 ( સર નમાવતાં ભણવું. )  
 નમસે-તે આતર્શ મજ્જદાઔ અહુરહિ  
 હુધાઔ મજિશ્ત યજત.  
 અષ્મ વૌહુ ૩.  
 દ્રવરાને મજ્જદયસ્નો જરથુશ્ત્રિશ વીદ-  
 ઐવો અહુર-હઃઐષો,  
 ( જે ગાહ હોય તે પદે )

5. As sacrifice doth Zarathushtra dedicate  
 the life, indeed of his own Self  
 and he doth offer the best fruit  
 of his holy mind unto Mazda :  
 and to Righteousness doth he surrender  
 his self and the power of his deeds and  
 words.<sup>1</sup>

6. To the Glory of Ahura-Mazda.

Salutation to Thee, Fire of Mazda-Ahura,  
 well-created, Thou most high among  
 the Worshipful-Ones.

Ashem Vohu (3).

I profess myself to be a Mazda-worship-  
 ping follower of Zarathushtra, opposed  
 to the Daeva, acting in accord with  
 the Law of Ahura.

For the worship and the praise.....of  
 Righteousness the Master,

*(The appropriate Gah to be recited here.)*

૭ આશ્રો અહુરહે મજ્જદાઓ પુત્ર, તવ  
આતર્શ પુત્ર અહુરહે મજ્જદાઓ;

આશ્રો અહુરહે મજ્જદાઓ પુત્ર, ખરે-  
નંદ્રહો સવંદ્રહો મજ્જદધાતહે, અમર્યનાંમ  
ખરેનો મજ્જદધાતનાંમ, કાવયેહેચ ખરેનંદ્રહો  
મજ્જદધાતહે;

આશ્રો અહુરહે મજ્જદાઓ પુત્ર, કવોઇશ  
હુઓસવંદ્રહહે, વરોઇશ હુઓસવંદ્રહહે  
અરનવન્તહે ગરોઇશ મજ્જદધાતહે, ચએ-  
ચિસ્તહે વરોઇશ મજ્જદધાતહે, કાવયેહેચ  
ખરેનંદ્રહો મજ્જદધાતહે;

૮ આશ્રો અહુરહે મજ્જદાઓ પુત્ર, રએ-  
વન્તહે ગરોઇશ મજ્જદધાતહે, કાવયેહેચ  
ખરેનંદ્રહો મજ્જદધાતહે;

આશ્રો અહુરહે મજ્જદાઓ પુત્ર; આતર્શ  
રપેન્ત રથએશતાર, યજત પોઉર-ખરેનંદ્રહ,  
યજત પોઉર-મએપજ;

7. Of Fire Thou Son of Ahura-Mazda, of Thee, O Fire, Son of Ahura-Mazda ;

of Fire, Thou Son of Ahura-Mazda, of Glory and Well-being created by Mazda, of the ancient Glory of the Aryan Race<sup>5</sup> created by Mazda, and of the Royal Glory<sup>6</sup> created by Mazda ;

of Fire, Thou Son of Ahura-Mazda, of Royal Husravah,<sup>7</sup> of the lake of Husravah,<sup>8</sup> of the Mountain Asnavant<sup>9</sup> created by Mazda, of the lake Chae-chista<sup>10</sup> created by Mazda, of the Royal Glory created by Mazda ;

8. Of Fire, Thou Son of Ahura-Mazda, of the Mountain Raevant<sup>11</sup> created by Mazda, of the Royal Glory created by Mazda ;

of Fire, Thou Son of Ahura-Mazda—O Fire, Thou Holy Warrior, Thou Worshipful-One full of Glory, Thou Worshipful-One full of Healing ;—



આથો અહુરહે મજ્જદાઓ પુથ્ર, મત્ત  
 વીરપએમ્બયો આતરંબયો, ક્ષથો-નફ્થો  
 નધસ્યોસંઘ્રહહે યજતહે, દનઓથ યસ્નાઈચ  
 વહ્માઈચ દનઓથાઈચ ક્સસ્તયએચ, યથા  
 અહૂ વધસ્યો જઓતા ક્ષા મે મૃતે અથા  
 રતુશ અપાતચિત્ત હચ ક્ષા અપવ વીધ્વાઓ  
 ઐઓત્ત.

૬ યસ્નંમચ વહ્મંમચ, હુર્ષરંતીમચ ઉશત-  
 ઔરંતીમચ, વન્તર્ષરંતીમચ આક્રીનામિ,  
 તવ આતશં પુથ્ર અહુરહે મજ્જદાઓ.

યેસૂન્યો અહિ વહુમ્યો;

યેસૂન્યો યુયાઓ વહુમ્યો,

ન્માનાહુ મળ્યાકનાંમ .

ઉશત યુયાત્ત અહ્માઇ નધરે,

યસે-થ્વા બાધ ક્ષાયજાઇતે,

અએરમો જસ્તો, બરેસમો-જસ્તો,

ગઓ-જસ્તો, હાવનો-જસ્તો.

of Fire, Thou Son of Ahura-Mazda, together with all the other Fires,<sup>12</sup> of Nairyosangha, the Worshipful-One who is seated in the hearts of Kings ;<sup>13</sup> — to the glory and for the worship and the praise, for the propitiation and the glorification of all these, and to the glory of Fire may the Zaota recite before us the “ *Yatha Ahu Vairyo* ” and may the wise (Rathwi) recite “ *atha Ratush ashat chit hacha* ”.

1. In words of praise, in words of welcome and in words of triumph, do I extol Thy worship and Thy praise, O Fire, Son of Ahura-Mazda.

Thou art worthy of worship and worthy of praise ;

mayest Thou be worshipped and praised for ever

in the dwellings of us mortals.

May happiness attend that man,

who shall sacrifice unto Thee,

fuel in hand, and Barsam in hand,

milk in hand, and mortar in hand.<sup>14</sup>

૧૦ દાઘત્યો અએન્નિમ બુયાઓ,  
 દાઘત્યો બઓઘધિ બુયાઓ,  
 દાઘત્યો પિથિવ બુયાઓ,  
 દાઘત્યો ઉપસયનિ બુયાઓ;  
 પેરેનાયુથ હરેથિ બુયાઓ,  
 દહ્માયુથ હરેથિ બુયાઓ,  
 આતર્શ પુથ અહુરહે મજદાઓ;

૧૧ સઓચિ બુયે અહમ્ય ન્માને,  
 મત્-સઓચિ બુયે અહમ્ય ન્માને,  
 રઓચહિ બુયે અહમ્ય ન્માને,  
 વક્ષથિ બુયે અહમ્ય ન્માને,  
 દરેઘમચિત્ અધપિ જરવાન્મ,  
 ઉપ સૂરાંમ ક્ષેા-કેરેતીમ,  
 હુધ સૂરયાઓ વંઘુહુયાઓ ક્ષેા-કેરે-  
 તે ઇત્.

0. Mayest Thou receive proper fuel,  
 mayest Thou receive proper incense,  
 mayest Thou receive proper nourish-  
 ment,  
 mayest Thou receive proper enthronement;  
 mayest Thou be tended by those of full  
 growth,  
 mayest Thou be tended by those of  
 full wisdom,  
 O Fire, Son of Ahura-Mazda ;

1. So that Thou mayest blaze forth in  
 this house,<sup>15</sup>  
 so that Thou mayest be for ever  
 blazing in this house,  
 so that Thou mayest be shining in this  
 house,  
 so that Thou mayest be more radiant  
 in this house,  
 all through the long aeons,  
 until the mighty Resurrection,<sup>16</sup>  
 and even after the blessed and mighty  
 Resurrection,

૧૨ દાયાઓ મે આતર્શ પુત્ર અહુરહે  
મજ્જદાઓ.

આસુ ખાથ્રમ, આસુ ગ્રાધતીમ, આસુ  
જીતીમ,

પૉઉરુ ખાથ્રમ, પૉઉરુ ગ્રાધતીમ,  
પૉઉરુ જીતીમ,

મસ્તીમ, સ્પાનો, ક્ષવિઘ્રમ દિજવાંમ,  
ઉરુને ઉપિ,

અતમ પરચએત મસિતમ,

મજ્જાઓન્તમ, અપધરિ-આથ્રમ.

૧૩ નમઝ્યાંમ પરચએત હાંમ-વરેતીમ,

ઔરેદ્વો-જૈંગાંમ, અખ્ઝૂન્યાંમ

(ત્રિષુમ અસ્નાંમચ ક્ષક્રનાંમચ)

આસિતો-ગાત્રમ, જઘાઉરમ.

12. Grant unto me, O Fire, Son of Ahura-Mazdā,

joyous<sup>17</sup> welfare, joyous sustenance,  
joyous living,

full welfare, full sustenance, full living,

fervour and wisdom, a tongue to convince and understanding for the Soul,

and above all, Divine-Wisdom, all-comprehending,  
exalted and imperishable.

13. [Grant me, O Fire, Son of Ahura-Mazda,]\*

Next, manly courage all encompassing,  
ever alert and never asleep,

(sleeping only a third of the day and the night)†

watchful even while resting in bed.

[Grant me also]\*

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\* These words are not in the text.

† The portion in the brackets is probably an interpolation from some ancient commentary,

તુથુષાંમ આરનાંમ ક્રજન્તીમ્,  
 કર્ષો-રાજાંમ, વ્યાખનાંમ,  
 હાંમ-રઘોધાંમ, હવાપાંમ,  
 આંજો-ખૂજિમ હવીરાંમ,  
 યા મે ક્રાધયાત્ ન્માન્મય,  
 વીસંમય, જન્તૂમય,  
 દંખૂમય, દંઘ્નહુ-સસ્તીમય.

૧૪ દાયાઘ્નો મે, આતશ્ પુત્ર અહુરહે  
 મજ્જદાઘ્નો,

યા મે અંઘ્નહુત્ અક્રસાઘ્નોઘ્નહુઘ્નો,  
 નૂરંમય યવએચતાધતે,

વહિશતંમ અહૂમ્ અપઘ્નોનાંમ

રઘોચંઘ્નહૂમ વીરંપા-ખાથ્રંમ.

જજો-પુયે વંઘ્નહુઘ્નિય મીજ્જદે,

વંઘ્નહુઘ્નિય સ્તવહિ.

ઉરુનએચ દરંધે હવંઘ્નહે,

offspring with inborn wisdom, rising  
 to perfection,  
 able to rule over lands and to guide  
 assemblies,  
 harmonious in growth and active in  
 work,  
 delivering from bondage and high as-  
 piring,  
 who shall advance the progress of our  
 home,  
 of our village and of our province  
 of our country, and who shall make  
 brighter the honour of our land.

14. Grant unto me, O Fire, Son of Ahura-  
 Mazda,

that this my wish may be fulfilled,—  
 at this moment as also for all future  
 ages,—  
 the attaining of the Best World of the  
 Righteous,  
 bright and all-glorious.

Thus may I obtain the good reward  
 and a good name as well,  
 and eternal bliss for my soul.



૧૫ વીરપએધજ્યો સસ્તીમ અરધતિ  
 આતર્શ મજ્જદાઓ અહુરહે,  
 યએધજ્યો અએમ હાંમ-પચાધતે  
 ક્ષફ્નીમચ સૂધરીમચ.  
 વીરપએધજ્યો હચ ઇજયેધતે  
 હુઅરેતીમચ દિશત-અરેતીમચ,  
 વન્ત અરેતીમચ, સિપતમ.

૧૬ વીરપનાંમ પર-અરેન્તાંમ  
 આતર્શ જસ્ત આદિધય;  
 “ચીમ હુખ હુષે અરધતી  
 ક્રચરેથવાઓ અરમએપાધધે ?”

આતરેમ રેપેન્તેમ યજમધદ,  
 તખમેમ હેન્તેમ રથએશતારેમ.

15. Unto all doth He offer instruction,—  
 He, the Fire of Ahura-Mazda,—  
 unto all for whom He prepareth,  
 the evening meal and morning meal;  
 from all such doth He expect to get  
 offerings of prayers in words of praise  
 and of welcome,  
 and in words of triumph, O Spitama.

16. Of all passing by,  
 the hands doth Fire observe;  
 “What doth the friend bring to the  
 Friend,—  
 “he that fareth forth to Him that sits  
 within?”<sup>18</sup>  
 [thus doth He ask.]\*  
 We worship the Holy Fire,  
 the strong and faithful Warrior.

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\* These words are not in the text,

૧૭ આઅત્ત યેજિ-ષે અએમ્ અરઘતિ  
 અએરમેમ્ વા અપય અરેત્તમ્,  
 અરેરમ્ વા અપય ક્સેતરેત્તમ્,  
 ઉરવરાંમ્ વા હધાનએપતાંમ્,  
 આ-હે પસ્યએત ક્રીનઘતિ  
 આતર્શિ મજ્જદાઝ્ઝા અહુરહે,  
 ક્ષનૂતો અત્તમિશ્તો હઘધંઘહુમ્ :

૧૮ “ઉપ-થ્વા હક્ષોઘત્ત ગેઉશ્ચ વાંથ્વ,  
 ઉપ વીરનાંમ પોઉરતાસ,  
 ઉપ-થ્વા વૈરેજ્જવત્ય મનો,  
 વૈરેજ્જવતિય હક્ષોઘત્ત અંઘ્રઉહ;  
 ઉર્વાક્ષ અંઘ્રઉહ ગય જિત્તએષ,  
 તાઝ્ઝા ક્ષપનો યાઝ્ઝા જ્જવાહી.”

ઈમત્ત આથો આક્રિવન્નમ્,  
 યો અહ્માઈ અએરમેમ્ અરઘતિ  
 હિકૂશ રઝ્ઝાચસ-પઘરિશ્તાં  
 અપહે ઔરેજ યઝ્ઝાજ્જદાતાંમ્.

17. And if that person bringeth unto Him  
fuel gathered with Righteousness,  
or Barsam spread with purity,  
or offereth the plant Hadhanaepata,<sup>19</sup>  
then unto him He giveth blessing,  
He, the Fire of Ahura-Mazda,  
satisfied and unoffended fulfilling all  
his wishes ;

18. “ May there be full herds of cattle  
for thee,  
“ may there be for thee sons in great  
number,  
“ may thine be the mind active in  
thoughts of good,  
“ may the spirit of Service thee inspire,  
“ live thou a life of joyous activity  
“ for all the nights that are allotted  
thee ”.

Such is the loving blessing of the Fire  
upon him who bringeth unto Him the  
fuel,  
dry and exposed to the Light  
and purified by rules of Righteousness.<sup>20</sup>

૧૯ (બાજમાં પહે.)<sup>૨૧</sup> અહુરમજ્દ બોહાએ  
 અવજ્ઞનીય મરુદમ, મરુદમ સરહગાંન,  
 હુમા સરહગાંન, હુમખાયસ્તે વેહાંન.  
 ઓએમ બેહેદીનય માજ્દયસ્નાંન, આગાહી  
 આસ્તવાની નેકી રસાનાહ

અએદૂન બાહ.

(પ્રગટ પહે.) યથા અહૂ વર્ધસ્યો ૨.

૨૦ યસ્નેમય વહ્નમય અઓજસ્ય જવરેય  
 આક્રીનામિ, આથ્રો અહુરહિ મજ્દાઓ  
 પુથ્ર, તવ આતર્શ પુથ્ર અહુરહિ મજ્દાઓ;

આથ્રો અહુરહિ મજ્દાઓ પુથ્ર, ખરે-  
 નંઘહો સવંઘહો મજ્દધાતહિ. અધ-  
 સ્યનાંમ ખરેનો મજ્દધાતનાંમ, કાવયેહિય  
 ખરેનંઘહો મજ્દધાતહિ;

આથ્રો અહુરહિ મજ્દાઓ પુથ્ર, કવોધશ  
 હઓસ્રવંઘહિ. વરોધશ હઓસ્રવંઘહિ.  
 અસ્નવન્તહિ ગરોધશ મજ્દધાતહિ, અએ-  
 ચિસ્તહિ, વરોધશ મજ્દધાતહિ. કાવયેહિય  
 ખરેનંઘહો મજ્દધાતહિ;

19. Ahura-Mazda, Lord! Thou Benefactor of humanity and of the races of mankind and of the other kingdoms of Nature! Thou Ideal of Existence for the righteous! Grant unto me, a believer in the good faith of Mazda-worship, an understanding of it, unshaken fidelity towards it, and the goodness thereof. So may it be!

Yatha Ahu Vairyo (2).

20. I revere the worship and the praise, the strength and the power of Fire, 'Thou Son of Ahura-Mazda, of Thee, O Fire Son of Ahura-Mazda, of Fire, Thou Son of Ahura-Mazda.....of the Royal Glory created by Mazda.

*(Para 7 above.)*

૨૧ આથો અહુરહે મજુદાઓ પુથ્ર, રએ-  
વન્તહે ગરોધશ મજુદધાતહે, કાવયેહુચ  
ખરેનંદ્રહે મજુદધાતહે;

આથો અહુરહે મજુદાઓ પુથ્ર, આતર્શ  
રેપેન્ત રથએશતાર, યજત પોઉર-ખરેનંદ્રહે,  
યજત પોઉર-ખએષજ;

આથો અહુરહે મજુદાઓ પુથ્ર, મત્ર  
વીરપએધખ્યો આતરેખ્યો, ક્ષથો-નફેધ્રો  
નધસ્યો-સંદ્રહે, યજતહે.

અષેમ્ વૉહુ ૩.

૨૨ અત્ર તોધ આતરેમ્ અહુરા

અઓળેંદ્રહવન્તેમ અપા ઉસેમહી,

અસીશતીમ એમવન્તેમ,

સ્તોધ રપન્ત ચિથ્રા-અવંદ્રહેમ;

અત્ર, મજુદા, દ્યુખિયન્તે

જસ્તા-ધશતાધશ દેરેશતા-અઓનંદ્રહેમ.

અષેમ્ વૉહુ ૧.

21. Of Fire, Thou Son of Ahura-Mazda,  
 ..... Who is seated in the hearts of  
 kings.

*(Para 8 above.)*

22. And, O Ahura, this Thy Fire,  
 mighty through Righteousness, do we  
 desire,  
 the promised powerful  
 and manifest Help unto the faithful in  
 life ;  
 but, O Mazda, unto him who hates  
 at Thy more gesture plainly harmful.<sup>22</sup>  
 Ashem Vohu (1).



અહ્યાય રઐશય;  
 હજંદરેમ;  
 જસ મે અવંદ્રહે મજદ;  
 કરેહ મોજદ.

૨૩ રોજ નેક નાંમ, રોજ પાક નાંમ,  
 રોજ સુખારક (ફલાંન), માહે સુખારક (ફલાંન),  
 ગાહે (ફલાંન), નમાજ દાદારે ગહાંન દામાંન.

દનઔથ અહુરહે મજદાઔ. નમસં-તે  
 આતશ મજદાઔ અહુરહે હુધાઔ મજિશત  
 યજત.

અષમ વાહ ૧.

૨૪ ગુરજે ઝોરેહ અવજાયાહ આતશ બેહે-  
 રાંમ આદર ફરા.\*

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\* ભણનાર સામેના આતશનું નામ ('બેહેરાંમ',  
 'આદરાંન', 'દાહગાહ') હયાં પઢવું.

Ahmai raesh-cha.

Hazangrem.

Jasa-me avanghe Mazda.

Kerfeh mozd.

23. On this auspicious day bearing the pure and holy name ..... in the auspicious month....., in the Gah..... we do salute the Creator of all the creatures of the world.

To the Glory of Ahura-Mazda ! Salutation to Thee, Fire of Ahura-Mazda, well-created, Thou most high amongst the Worshipful-Ones.

Ashem Vohu (1).

24. May the radiance of the Fire of Behram,\* the glorious Fire, increase.

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\* Or *adaran* or *dadgah* as the case may be.

આદરાંન શાહ પીરોજગર, આદર  
ગુશરપ, આદર ખોરદાદ, આદર બુરજીન  
મેહુર અવરે આદરાંન ઓ આતશાંન, કે  
પ દાદગાહ નેશસ્ત અસ્તેન્દ.

ગુરજે ખોરેહ અવજાયાદ મીનોદરકો,  
અમાવંદ પીરોજગર અમાવંદી પીરોજગરી.

દાદ દીન બેહ માજ્દયસ્નાંન, આગાહી  
રવાઇ ઓઆફરંગાંની બાદ હકૂતે કેશ્વર  
જમીન. અએદુન બાદ.

મન આનો આવાયદ શુદન, મન  
આનો આવાયદ શુદન, મન આનો આવા-  
યદ શુદન.

અપઓને અપેમ વોહૂ ૧.

૨૫ ( દક્ષિણ દિશા તરફ ફરીને પઢે. )

દાદારે ગેહાંન દીને માજ્દયસ્ની દાદે  
જરથુશ્તી.

May the brilliance of the victorious Lord Adar Gushasp, Adar Khordad, Adar Burzin Meher and of other Adarans, and of the other Fires, enshrined in other Dadgahs, increase ;

may the radiance of the Fire Mino-Karko<sup>23</sup> increase ; may They all, strong and majestic, be gracious unto us in Their strength and majesty.

May the knowledge, extent and fame of the commandments of the excellent Mazda-worshipping religion ever increase over the world, over all its seven regions. So may it be !

I have to realise Him ; I have to realise Him ; I have to realise Him.<sup>24</sup>

Unto the Righteous Ashem Vohu (1).

25. (Facing the South<sup>25</sup>).

The Creator of the Universe has sent the Faith of Mazda-worship, revealed by Zarathushtra,

નમસે-તે અપાદિમ્ સંવિશ્તે અરેદ્વિસૂર  
અનાદિતે અપચ્ચાને.

અષ્ટમ વૉહુ ૧.

નમો ઉવંધરે વંઘુઉદિ મજ્જદાધાતે  
અપચ્ચાને.

અષ્ટમ વૉહુ ૧.

દ્વનચ્ચાથ અહુરોદે મજ્જદાચ્ચા.

(સર નમાવતાં ભણવું.)

નમસે-તે આતર્શ મજ્જદાચ્ચા અહુરોદે  
હુધાચ્ચા મજ્જિશ્ત યજ્જત.

અષ્ટમ વૉહુ ૧.

Salutation unto the most beneficent  
Waters, undefiled and holy.

Ashem Vohu (1).

Salutation unto the good and holy  
World of Plants, created by Mazda.<sup>26</sup>

Ashem Vohu (1).

To the Glory of Ahura-Mazda !

Salutation unto the Fire of Mazda  
Ahura, well-created, most high amongst  
the Worshipful-Ones.

Ashem Vohu (1).

## અહુરમજ્દ યસ્ત.

૧ દનઝાંથ્ર અહુરહે મજ્દાઝાં.  
અષમ વાહુ ૧.

૨ પ નામે યજ્દાંન્ અહુરમજ્દ ખોદાઝે  
અવજ્જની, ગારજે ખોરેહ અવજ્જયાહ.

દાદાર અહુરમજ્દ રયોમંદ ખોરેહમંદ  
મીનોઝાંન્ મીનો ઝરેતુમ ખેરસાહ.

૩ અજ્જ હુમા ગુનાહ...૫ પતેત હોમ.

(જુવેા 'નીરંગે કુસ્તી યસ્તન' ફકરો ૪).

દનઝાંથ્ર અહુરહે મજ્દાઝાં, તરેઝ-  
દીતે અંધુરહે મઝન્યેઉશ, હુઝથ્યાવરૂશતાંમ  
હ્યલ વસ્ના ફરપોતેમંમ.

સ્તઝાંમિ અષમ.

અષમ વાહુ ૧.

## AHURA-MAZDA YASHT.

1. To the Glory of Ahura-Mazda.

Ashem Vohu (1).

2. In the name of Ahura-Mazda, the Lord God, the Beneficent. May His Glory and His Radiance increase.

May the Creator Ahura-Mazda, the Resplendent, the Glorious, the most Spiritual in the Spiritual world, the Supreme, be gracious unto us.

3. Of all my sins do I repent.....with triple pledge I do turn back.

*(Nirang-e Kusti Bastan, para 4.)*

Through propitiation of Ahura-Mazda  
.....answers to His Will

*(Nirang-e Kusti Bastan, para 5.)*

I praise Righteousness.

Ashem Vohu (1).



૪ કસ્તુરે હુમતોમ્બ્યસ્યા હુમ્તોમ્બ્યસ્યા હુવરશ્તોમ્બ્યસ્યા, માંથ્વોમ્બ્યસ્યા વર્ષેધ્વોમ્બ્યસ્યા, વરશ્ત્વોમ્બ્યસ્યા.

અમ્બિગમ્યા દ્વથે વીરપા હુમતાયા હુમ્તાયા હુવરશ્તાયા.

પદ્ધતિરિચ્યા દ્વથે વીરપા દુશ્મતાયા દુશ્મતાયા દુશ્વરશ્તાયા.

પ કા વે રાહી, અમ્બા સ્પેન્તા, યસ્નમ્યા વહ્નમ્યા, કા મનંદ્રહા, કા વચંદ્રહા, કા ય્યઞ્ચના, કા અંદ્રહુયા, કા તન્વસ્યીત્ અખ્યાઞ્ચા ઉશ્તન્મ.

સ્તઞ્ચામિ અષ્મ.

અષ્મ વૌહુ ૩.

૬ કવરાને મજ્જદ્યસ્નો જરથુશત્રિશ વીદ્યેવે! અહુર-ત્વેષે,

(જે ગાહ હોય તે પઢે).

4. I dedicate myself to good thoughts, good words and good deeds in everything that is to be thought, to be spoken and to be performed.

I regard as worthy of esteem all good thoughts, good words and good deeds.

I regard as worthy of renouncing all wicked thoughts, wicked words and wicked deeds.

5. Unto ye, O Holy Immortals, do I offer worship and praise through (my) thoughts, words and deeds, through my life ; and I offer the life indeed of my own Self.<sup>1</sup>

I praise Righteousness.

Ashem Vohu (1).

6. I profess myself to be a Mazda-worshipping follower of Zarathushtra, opposed to the Dæva, acting in accord with the Law of Ahura.

*(The appropriate Gah to be recited here.)*

અહુરહે મજ્જદાઓ રએવતો ખરેનંધ્ર-  
 ઉહતો, દનઓથ યસ્નાઘ્ય વહ્માઘ્ય  
 દનઓથાઘ્ય ક્સસ્તયએય, યથા અહૂ  
 વધસ્યો જઓતા કા મે મૂતે, અથા રતુશ  
 અપાત્રચિત્ત હ્ય કા અપવ વીધ્વાઓ  
 મઓત્ત.

૭ પેરસત્ત જરથુશ્ત્રો અહુરેમ્ મજ્જદાંમઃ  
 અહુરમજ્જદ, મઘ્યો સ્પેનિશ્ત, દાતરે  
 ગએથનાંમ અસ્તવઘતિનાંમ અપાઉમ,  
 કલ્ અસ્તિ માંથ્રહે સ્પેન્તહે અમવસ્તેમંમ,  
 કલ્ વેરથ્રવસ્તેમંમ, કલ્ ખરેનંધ્રઉહસ્તેમંમ,  
 કલ્ યાસ્કેરેસ્તેમંમ ?

૮ કલ્ વારેથ્રઘ્ન્યોતેમંમ, કલ્ ખએ-  
 પજ્યોતેમંમ, કલ્ હખએષો-તઉરવયાંસ્તેમંમ  
 દએવનાંમ મઘ્યાનાંમય; કલ્ વીસ્પહે

For the worship and the praise, for the propitiation and the glorification of Ahura Mazda, the Resplendent the Glorious, to the Glory of Ahura Mazda, may the Zaota recite before us the “ *Yatha Ahu Vairyo* ”, and may the wise Rathwi recite “ *atha Ratush ashat chit hacha* ”.

7. Zarathushtra asked Ahura Mazda ;

“ O Ahura Mazda, Spirit most holy, Thou Righteous Creator of the material world,<sup>2</sup> which portion of the Holy Word is the most powerful, the most conducive to success, the most glorious and the most effective ?

8. “ Which portion smites Evil the best, and which is the most healing ; which portion best overpowers the evil thoughts of evil spirits as well of wicked mortals ; which portion best

અંધહૃદિશ અસ્તવતો મન અસ્તિ વીજઘ-  
મિશ્તમ; તત્ વીરુપહૃ અંધહૃદિશ અસ્તવતો  
અંધહૃવાંમ્ અસ્તિ વીમરંજિશ્તમ ?

૯ આઅત્ મ્રઞ્ઞાત્ અહુરો મજ્જદાઞ્ઞાઃ  
અહ્માકેમ્ નાંમ, સિપતમ જરથુશ્ત્ર, યત્  
અમૅપનાંમ્ સ્પેન્તનાંમ, તત્ અસ્તિ માંધ્રહૃ  
સ્પેન્તહૃ અમવસ્તેમૅમ, તત્ વૅરેથ્રવસ્તેમૅમ,  
તત્ ખરેનંધ્રહૃસ્તેમૅમ, તત્ યાસ્કેરેસ્તેમૅમ;

૧૦ તત્ વારેથ્રવ્રન્યોત્તેમૅમ, તત્ ખએપ-  
જ્યોત્તેમૅમ; તત્ હઅએષો-તઉરવયાંસ્તેમૅમ  
હએવનાંમ્ મઞ્ઞાનાંમૅય; તત્ વીરુપહૃ  
અંધહૃદિશ અસ્તવતો મન અસ્તિ વીજઘ-  
મિશ્તમ, તત્ વીરુપહૃ અંધહૃદિશ અસ્ત-  
વતો અંધહૃવાંમ્ અસ્તિ વીમરંજિશ્તમ.

reaches the mind in the midst of all the turmoil of this material world ; and which portion best doth cleanse our souls in the midst of all this material creation ? ”

9. Thereupon did Ahura Mazda reply :

“ Our Names, O Spitama Zarathushtra, the Names of Us the Holy Immortals.<sup>3</sup> That portion of the Holy Word is the most powerful, the most conducive to success, the most glorious and the most effective ;

0. “ That portion smites Evil the best and that is the most healing ; that portion best overpowers the evil thoughts of evil spirits as well as of wicked mortals ; that portion best reaches the mind in the midst of all (the turmoil) of this material world and that portion best doth cleanse the souls in the midst of all this material creation.”

૧૧ આઅત્ અઞ્ઞોઽત જરથુશ્ત્રોઃ  
 ક્ષોઽત્ મે તત્ નાંમ ક્ષઞ્ઞધિ, અપાઉમ્  
 અહુરમજ્ઞદ, યત્ તે અસ્તિ મજિશ્તમચ,  
 વહિશ્તમચ, સ્ત્રએશ્તમચ, યાસ્કેરેસ્તમમચ,  
 વારેઘ્રધ્ન્યોત્તમમચ, યએષજ્યોત્તમમચ, લ્પ-  
 એષો-તઉરૂવયાંસ્તમમચ, દએવનાંમ મળ્યા-  
 નાંમચ.

૧૨ યથ અજ્ઞમ્ તઉર્વિયેનિ વીરથે  
 દએવ મળ્યાંસ્ચ; યથ અજ્ઞમ્ તઉર્વિયેનિ  
 વીરથે યાતવો પધરિકાઞ્ઞોઽસચ; યત્ માંમ  
 નએ-ચિશ્ તઉર્વિયાત્, નોઽત્ દએવો  
 નએધ મળ્યો, નોઽત્ યાતવો નએધ  
 પધરિકાઞ્ઞો.

૧૩ આઅત્ ઞ્ઞોઽત અહુરો મજ્ઞદાઞ્ઞોઃ  
 ક્ષસ્ય નાંમ અહિ, અપાઉમ્ જરથુશ્ત્ર;

11. Thereupon Zarathushtra said :

“Clearly unto me do Thou declare, these Names, O Holy Ahura Mazda, that which among Thy Names is the mightiest, and the holiest, and the fairest, and the most effective ; that which doth best smite the Evil and doth heal the best ; that which doth best overcome the evil thoughts of evil spirits as well as of wicked mortals.

12. “ [Teach me these,]\* so that I may overcome all evil spirits as well as wicked mortals ; so that I may overpower all deluders as well as all fair seducers ; so that none may overcome me, neither a wicked spirit nor a mortal, neither a deluder nor a fair seducer”.

13. Thereupon Ahura Mazda said :

“I am the SUSTAINER by name, O holy Zarathushtra ; next the SHEPHERD ;

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\* These words are not in the text.



ખિત્યો પાંચવ્યો; ત્રિત્યો અવિ-તન્યો;  
 તૂઠ્ઠસ્ય અષ-વહિશ્ત; પુગ્ધ વીરપ વૉહુ  
 મજ્જદધાત અષ-ચિથ્ર; ક્તવો યત્ અહ્મિ  
 પ્રતુશ; હસથો પ્રતુમાઝ્ઞો; અશ્તમે યત્  
 અહ્મિ ચિસતિશ; નાઉમે ચિસતિવાઝ્ઞો.

૧૪ દસમે યત્ અહ્મિ સ્પાનો; અએ-  
 વનદસો સ્પનંઘઉહાઝ્ઞો; દ્વાદસો અહુરો;  
 ત્રિદસો સંવિશ્તો; ચત્તુદસો ઇમત વીદ્-  
 એશતવો; પચ્ચદસ અવનંમ્ન; ક્વશદસ હાત-  
 મરેનિશ; હસદસ વીરપ-હિપસ; અશ્તદસ  
 બએષજ્જય; નવદસ યત્ અહ્મિ દાતો;  
 વીસાંશ્તમે અહ્મિ યત્ અહ્મિ મજ્જદાઝ્ઞો  
 નાંમ.

third the ALL-PERVADING ; fourth SUPREME RIGHTEOUSNESS ; fifth the WHOLE GOOD CREATION of Mazda, the Seed of Asha<sup>4</sup> ; sixth I am KNOWLEDGE ; seventh the POSSESSOR OF KNOWLEDGE ; eighth I am WISDOM<sup>5</sup> ; ninth the MASTER OF WISDOM.

14. “ Tenth I am HOLINESS ; eleventh the BESTOWER OF HOLINESS ; twelfth the LORD OF LIFE ; thirteenth the ALMIGHTY ; fourteenth I am the FRIEND OF ALL<sup>6</sup> ; fifteenth the INVINCIBLE ; sixteenth I am the JUST ACCOUNTANT<sup>7</sup> ; seventeenth ALL-SEEING ; eighteenth the HEALER ; nineteenth I am the LAW-GIVER ; twentieth I am indeed the LORD OF CREATION by name.

૧૫ યજ્ઞએષ માંમ, જરથુશ્ત્ર, પદ્યતિ  
 અસુનિ પદ્યતિ ક્ષુન્ને યસા-ઔરેતાબ્યો  
 જઘ્ઞાથાબ્યો, જસાનિ તે અવંઘ્રહુએચ  
 રક્નંઘ્રહુએચ અજૈમ્ યો અહુરો મજૂદાઘ્ઞો.  
 જસાદતિ તે અવંઘ્રહુએચ રક્નંઘ્રહુએચ યો  
 વંઘ્રહુશ સ્ત્રઘ્ઞાષો અબ્યો, જસાઘ્ઞાન્તિ તે  
 અવંઘ્રહુએચ રક્નંઘ્રહુએચ યાઘ્ઞો આપો,  
 યાઘ્ઞાસચ ઉરવરાઘ્ઞો, યાઘ્ઞાસચ અપાઉ-  
 નાંમ ક્ષવપયો.

૧૬ યેજિ વષિ, જરથુશ્ત્ર, અવાઘ્ઞો  
 હબએષાઘ્ઞો તઉવયો, દઘ્ઞેવનાંમ મળ્યા-  
 નાંમચ, યાશ્વાંમ પદ્યરિકનાંમચ, સાથ્રાંમ  
 કઘ્ઞાયાંમ કરક્નાંમચ, મહચનાંમચ મિજંઘ્ર-  
 નાંમ, અષેમઘ્ઞાઘનાંમચ મિજંઘ્રનાંમ,  
 રૈહકનાંમચ ચથવરે-જંઘ્રનાંમ,

15. "Worship Me, O Zarathushtra, by day and by night, with libations worthily offered. And I, Ahura Mazda, will come unto thee bringing thee help and joy. To thee shall also come Sraosha the Holy, bringing thee help and joy. To thee shall come the Waters and the Trees<sup>8</sup> and the Fravashis of the Righteous bringing thee help and joy.

16. "Shouldst thou desire, O Zarathushtra, to overcome the onslaughts of evil spirits and of wicked mortals, of deluders and of fair seducers, of tyrants and of those wilfully blind and wilfully deaf, of two-legged serpents who distort the Truth,<sup>9</sup> and of four-legged wolves,<sup>10</sup>

૧૭ હુએનયાઓસય પેરથુ-અઈનિ-  
કયાઓ પેરથુદ્રકપયાઓ અરેવો-દ્રકપયાઓ,  
ઉજ્જોરેપ્તો-દ્રકપયાઓ ખુરેમ દ્રકપેમ અરેન્ત-  
યાઓ, અથ ઇમાઓ નામેનીશ દ્રેનજયો,  
ક્રમ્પ, વીસ્પામ્પ અથાંનય ક્ષકૂનસય.

૧૮ પાયુશય અહિ; દાતાય ત્રાતાય  
અહિ; જનાતાય મગ્નયુશય અહિ સ્પેન્તો-  
તેમો; અએષજય નાંમ અહિ અએષજયોતેમ  
નાંમ અહિ; આથ્રવ નાંમ અહિ, આથ્રવ-  
તેમ નાંમ અહિ; અહુર નાંમ અહિ,  
મજ્જદાઓ નાંમ અહિ; અપવ નાંમ અહિ,  
અપવસ્તેમ નાંમ અહિ; ખરેનંદ્રહ નાંમ  
અહિ, ખરેનંદ્રહિસ્તેમ નાંમ અહિ; પોઉરુ-  
દરશત નાંમ અહિ, પોઉરુ-દરશતેમ નાંમ  
અહિ; દૂરએ-દરશત નાંમ અહિ. દૂરએ-  
દરશતેમ નાંમ અહિ.

17. "And of armies in wide battle array  
with banners unfurled and lifted high,  
with blood-stained standard held aloft,  
then thou shouldst mutter<sup>11</sup> and repeat  
aloud these My Names by day and by  
night.

18. "For I am the MAINTAINER and the  
CREATOR and the PROTECTOR; I am the  
DISCERNING and the HOLIEST SPIRIT;  
I am the HEALER by name, I am the  
BEST HEALER by name; I am ATH-  
RAVAN<sup>12</sup> by name, I am the HIGHEST  
ATHRAVAN by name; I am the LORD OF  
LIFE by name, I am the LORD OF CREA-  
TION by name; I am the RIGHTEOUS by  
name, I am the MOST RIGHTEOUS by  
name; I am the GLORIOUS by name, I  
am the MOST GLORIOUS by name; I am  
the FULL SEEING by name, I am the  
FULLEST SEEING by name; I am FAR-  
SEEING by name, I am the FARTHEST-  
SEEING by name.

૧૯ સ્પશ્ત નાંમ અહિ, વીત નાંમ  
 અહિ; દાત નાંમ અહિ, પાત નાંમ અહિ,  
 ધાત નાંમ અહિ; જૂનાત નાંમ અહિ,  
 જૂનોઘશ્ત નાંમ અહિ; કૂપૂમાઝા નાંમ  
 અહિ, કૂપૂષો-માંથ નાંમ અહિ; ઇસ-ક્ષથો  
 નાંમ અહિ, ઇસ-ક્ષથર્યોત્તમો નાંમ અહિ;  
 નાંમો-ક્ષથો નાંમ અહિ, નાંમો-ક્ષથર્યોત્તમ  
 નાંમ અહિ.

૨૦ અધવિશ નાંમ અહિ, વીધવિશ  
 નાંમ અહિ; પધતિ-પાયુશ નાંમ અહિ;  
 હળએષો-તઉર્વાઝા નાંમ અહિ; હુથવન  
 નાંમ અહિ, વીરપવન નાંમ અહિ; વીરપ-  
 તશ નાંમ અહિ; વીરપ-ખાથ નાંમ અહિ;  
 પોઉરુ-ખાથ નાંમ અહિ, ખાથવાઝા  
 નાંમ અહિ.

19. I am the WATCHER by name, I am the ALL-PERVADING by name; I am the CREATOR by name, I am the PROTECTOR by name, I am the SAVIOUR by name; I am the KNOWING by name, I am the ALL-KNOWING by name; I am the LORD OF PROSPERITY by name, I am the HOLY WORD OF PROSPERITY<sup>13</sup> by name; I am the POTENT RULER by name, I am the OMNIPOTENT RULER by name; I am the FAMOUS RULER by name, I am the MOST FAMOUS RULER by name.

20. I am the NON-DECEIVER by name, I am FAR FROM DECEIT by name; I am the PERFECT PROTECTOR by name; I am the SUBDUER OF FOES by name; I am the CONQUEROR AT ONE STROKE by name, I am the CONQUEROR OF ALL by name; I am the ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE by name; I am the UNIVERSAL LIGHT by name, I am the LIGHT ETERNAL by name, I am the LORD OF LIGHT by name.



૨૧ વૅરંજિ-સચ્ચોક નાંમ અહિ,  
 વૅરંજિ-સવાચો નાંમ અહિ; સૅવી નાંમ  
 અહિ, સૂરાચો નાંમ અહિ, સૅવીશત નાંમ  
 અહિ; અષ નાંમ અહિ, ળૅરંજ નાંમ  
 અહિ; ક્ષથૂરય નાંમ અહિ; ક્ષથૂરયોત્તમો  
 નાંમ અહિ; હુધાનુશ નાંમ અહિ, હુધા-  
 નુશત્તમો નાંમ અહિ; દૂરચે-સૂક નાંમ અહિ.

તાચોસચ ઇમાચો નામેનીશ.

૨૨ યસચ મે અચેતહિ અંધહુવો  
 યત્ર અસ્તવધન્તિ, સ્થિતમ જરથુશ્ત્ર,  
 ઇમાચો નામેનીશ દ્રેનજયો ક્ષત્રવ, પધતિ  
 વા અસનિ પધતિ વા ક્ષક્રને;

21. I am the BRILLIANT IN ACTION by name, I am the MIGHTY IN ACTION by name; I am the MIGHTY by name, I am the VALIANT by name, I am the ALMIGHTY by name; I am the RIGHT-EOUS by name, I am the EXALTED by name; I am the SOVEREIGN by name, I am the MOST PUISSANT SOVEREIGN by name; I am the WISE by name, I am the WISEST OF THE WISE by name; I am the FAR-SIGHTED by name.

Such are these My Names.

22. And whosoever in this mundane life,  
O Spitama Zarathushtra, doth mutter  
and chant aloud these My Names by  
day or by night;

૨૩ ક્રઞ્વ ઉસ વા હિશ્તો, ની વા  
 પધધ્યમ્નો; ની વા પધધ્યમ્નો, ઉસ વા  
 હિશ્તો; અધગ્યાઁઘ્નુનમ્ વા અધગ્યા-  
 ઁઘ્નુયમ્નો, અધગ્યાઁઘ્નુનમ્ વા  
 યજ્યમ્નો; ક્રા વા પૂસ હ્ય ગાતઁઘ્નુ, ક્રા  
 વા પૂસ હ્ય જન્તઁઘ્નુ, ક્રા વા પૂસ હ્ય  
 દંઘ્નુઘ્નુ, અવ-જસ દંઘ્નુમ્ આ;

૨૪ નોઘત્ત દિમ્ નર અધંઘ્નુ અયાંન્,  
 નોઘત્ત અધંઘ્નુઘ્નુ ક્ષપો, અઘ્નુમ્ દૂતઘ્નુ  
 દૂક્ષ મનંઘ્નુ અવસ્થાત્; નોઘત્ત અકવો,  
 નોઘત્ત ચકવો, નોઘત્ત ઇષવો, નોઘત્ત ઈરેત્,  
 નોઘત્ત વજર, નોઘત્ત વીસંન્તિ અસાનો  
 અવસ્થાત્.

૨૫ વીસાંસ્તય ઇમાઁ નામેનીશ;  
 પરશ્તસ્ય પઞ્ચરિ-વારસ્ય વીસંન્તે, પઞ્ચરિ  
 મધ-યઁઘ્નુ ઇન્દ્ર, વરેન્યયાઅત્ત્ય દ્વાં-  
 ઇન્દ્ર, ઇન્દ્રયુશત્ત્ય ક્યધાત્; વીર્યો-

23. (And doth) chant them, whether getting up or lying down, whether lying down or getting up, whether girding on the sacred girdle or ungirding it, whether starting forth from his own abode or from his own province, whether starting forth from his own land or arriving in a foreign land,

24. Unto such a person shall come, neither during day nor during night, any harm from the evil-minded emissaries of Wrath<sup>14</sup>; neither dart nor discus, neither arrow nor dagger, neither club nor well-hurled bolt shall ever reach him.

25. Such are these Names full of import; they serve as a shield and an encircling defence against the demon-host of the spirit world, against the demons of Varena,<sup>15</sup> against scoffers

મહરકાઅતચ પધરિ દ્રવતત, યત અંધરાત  
મધન્ઓત.

માંનયેન્ અહિ યથ હજંધરેમ્ નરાંમ્  
ઓયુમ્ નરેમ્ અધ્યાયાક્ષયોધત.

૨૬ કે વરેધ્રમ્-જા થવા પોધ સેનગ્રહા  
ચોધ હેન્તી;

ચિથ્રા મોધ દાંમ્ અહૂમ્-ખિશ રત્નમ્  
ચીજ્જદી.

અત હોધ વૌહૂ સરઓષો જન્તુ  
મનંદ્રહા,

મજ્જદા અહ્માધ યહ્માધ વષી કહ્માધચિત.

૨૭ નમ્મમ્ કવએમ ખરેનો, નમો  
અધર્યેને વએજહિ, નમો સઓકે મજ્જદ-  
ધાધતે, નમો અપે દાધત્યયાઓ, નમો અરે-  
દુયાઓ આપો અનાહિતયાઓ, નમ્મમ્  
વીરપયાઓ અપઓનો સ્તોધશ.

યથા અહૂ વધચ્ચો ૧૦.

અપ્પમ્ વૌહૂ ૧૦.

on destruction bent, against the Arch-Fiend, the destroyer of all, the Spirit of Evil.

These Names are a defence, as if a thousand men were guarding one man.

26. With the help of Thy Words .....  
whom Thou dost love.

*(Kem-na Mazda, para 2.)*

27. Salutation to the Royal Glory, salutation to Airyana-Vaeja,<sup>16</sup> salutation to Saoka<sup>17</sup> created by Mazda, salutation to the river Daiti<sup>18</sup> and salutation to the sparkling waters of the Aredvi,<sup>19</sup> salutation to all the creation of the Righteous.

Yatha Ahu Vairyo (10).

Ashem Vohu (10).

૨૮ અહુર્નમ-વધરીમ યજ્ઞમધદે.

અર્ષમ-વહિશ્તમ સચેશ્તમ અર્ષર્ષમ  
રર્ષ-ન્તમ યજ્ઞમધદે.

અર્ષમચ ધિર્ષમચ, અર્ષાજસચ વર્-  
ર્ષમચ, ખરેનસચ જવરેચ યજ્ઞમધદે.

અહુર્મ મજ્ઞદામ રચેવન્તમ ખરેનંધ-  
ઉહ-ન્તમ યજ્ઞમધદે.

૨૯ ચેંઘડે હાતામ આચ્ચત્ર ચેસ્ને  
પધતિ વંઘડો.

મજ્ઞદાચ્ચા અહુરો વચ્ચથા અપાત્ર હયા,  
યાચ્ચાઘહામચા તાંસચા તાચ્ચાસચા  
યજ્ઞમધદે.

૩૦ (ખાજમાં પદે) અહુરમજ્ઞદ  
ખોદાચ્ચે, અવજ્ઞનીચ્ચે મરદુમ સદ્ગાંન,  
હુમા સદ્ગાંન, હુમખાયસ્તે વેહાંન,  
ચ્ચાચ્ચેમ ખેહેદીન માજ્ઞદયસ્નાંન, અગાહી  
આસ્તવાની નેકી રસાનદ્વ; અચ્ચેદૂન ખાદ્.

(પ્રગટ પદે) યથા અહૂ વધસ્યો ૨.

28. We revere the Ahuna-Vairya.

We worship Asha-Vahishta, the highest  
of the Holy Immortals.

We worship Courage and Strength,  
Power and Victory, Glory and  
Vitality.

We adore Ahura Mazda the most  
Resplendent, the most Glorious.

29. Yenghe Hatam.

30. Ahura Mazda, Lord,..... So may it  
be!

*(Atash Nyaish, para 19.)*

Yatha Ahu Vairyo (2).



૩૧ યસ્નેમચ વહ્નમચ, અઘ્નૌજસચ  
જવરચ આદ્રીનામિ, અહુરહિ મજદાઘ્નૌ  
રઘેવતો ખરેનંઘઉહુતો.

અષમ વૌહુ ૧.

૩૨ નિપાયોઘશ મપીમ ઉરવથમ  
યવઘેતાઘતે, જરથુશ્ત્ર, અઉરવથાત પરો  
દુશમઘન્યઘ્નૌત. મા તમ ઉરવથમ કાયવ-  
યોઘશ સ્નથાઘ, મા દુજઘરેતેઘે જયાનાંમ  
અપયતેઘે. મા યસોઘશ અઘ્નૌમ નરેમ  
દાઘતીમ, યો ના મજિશતમ યસ્નમ યજ્ઞ-  
ઘતે કસિશતમ યસ્નાત કાયતાત, અહા યાં  
અમૈષે સ્પેન્તે.

૩૩ ઇધ અસૃતિ વૌહુ-મનો, મન  
દાંમિ જરથુશ્ત્ર; ઇધ અષમ-વહિશતમ, મન  
દાંમિ જરથુશ્ત્ર; ઇધ ક્ષથમ-વધરીમ, મન  
દાંમિ જરથુશ્ત્ર; ઇધ સ્પેન્ત-આમઘતિશ,  
મન દાંમિ જરથુશ્ત્ર; ઇધ હુઉર્વત-અમરે-  
તાત, યોઘ સ્તો મિજદમ અષાઉનાંમ, પરો-  
અસૃતિ જસેન્તાંમ, મન દાંમિ જરથુશ્ત્ર.

31. I revere the worship and the praise,  
the strength and the power of Ahura  
Mazda the Resplendent, the Glorious.

Ashem Vohu (1).

32.<sup>20</sup> Protect always, O Zarathushtra, the  
friendly mortal from the designs of  
the unfriendly. Expose not the friend  
at any time to the blows of the enemy,  
nor leave him a prey to vexations.  
Bring not the faithful man to harm,  
the man who adores us, Holy Immor-  
tals, with the longer Yasna and with  
the shorter Yasna<sup>21</sup> as has been laid  
down.

33. Here in My abode, O Zarathushtra,  
dwelleth Vohu-Mano; here in My  
abode, O Zarathushtra, dwelleth Asha-  
Vahishta; here in My abode, O Zara-  
thushttra, dwelleth Kshathra-Vairya;  
here in My abode, O Zarathushtra,  
dwelleth Spenta-Armaiti; here in My  
abode, O Zarathushtra, do dwell Haur-  
vatat and Ameretat, who are the Re-  
ward of the Righteous, when they go  
to the world beyond.<sup>22</sup>

૩૪ વએથાય તલય કથય, આઈ  
અપાઉમ જરથુશ્ત્ર. મન પ્રથાય ચિસ્રતિય  
યાઇશ આ અંદ્રાહુશ પર્ઓઉરુયો બવત,  
યથાય અંદ્રાહુત્ર અપેમંમ અંદ્રાહુશ.

૩૫ હજંદ્રેમ બએપજનાંમ, બએ-  
વરે બએપજનાંમ; હજંદ્રેમ બએપજનાંમ,  
બએવરે બએપજનાંમ; હજંદ્રેમ બએપ-  
જનાંમ, બએવરે બએપજનાંમ.

જસ મે અવંદ્રહે મજદ, જસ મે અવં-  
દ્રહે મજદ, જસ મે અવંદ્રહે મજદ.  
અમહે હુતાશતહે હુરઓંધહે, વરેઞ્રધહે  
અહુરંબાતહે, વનઇનૃત્યાઓસય ઉપરતાતો,  
સ્પેન્તહેય આર્મતોઇશ.

૩૬ આર્મિઇતિય સ્પેન્તય અએપાંમ  
તબએષો સચિન્દયધ્વંમ; પધરિ ઉષિ વારય-  
ધ્વંમ; હાંમ ગવ નિદરેજયધ્વંમ, હાંમ

34. And know, O Holy Zarathushtra, how this has come about. It is through My Spiritual Power and through My Thought “through which Life first comes forth”, “so that Creation’s purpose be fulfilled”.<sup>23</sup>

35. A thousand means of health, ten thousand means of health (may we obtain from the Lord).

Come to my help, O Lord! To the glory of Strength well-created, and of the beautiful Lord of Victory (Behram) created by Ahura, and of the all-conquering Power, and of Spenta-Armaiti (Holy-Piety).

36. May ye cut off the hatred of these foes with the aid of Holy Piety; may ye turn their minds away; may ye bind together their wicked hands and get

જન્વ જંમ્યયધ્વંમ્ ; અધપિ દરેજવન્મ  
 દરેજવયધ્વંમ્. કલ્ અપવ, મજ્જદ, વનત  
 દ્રવન્તંમ્ ? અપવ વનત દુજિમ્, અપવ  
 વનત દ્રવન્તંમ્.

૩૭ ઉપિ અહુરહે મજ્જદાઘ્મો યજ્જ-  
 મધદે, દરેઘાધ માંઘહે સ્પેન્તહે.

પ્રત્તમ અહુરહે મજ્જદાઘ્મો યજ્જમધદે,  
 મરેઘાધ માંઘહે સ્પેન્તહે.

હિજ્જવાંમ અહુરહે મજ્જદાઘ્મો યજ્જમધદે,  
 ક્રવાકાધ માંઘહે સ્પેન્તહે.

અઘોમ ગધરીમ યજ્જમધદે, યિમ ઉપિ-  
 હાંમ ઉપિ-દરન્મ, પધતિ અસુનિ પધતિ  
 ક્ષફ્ને, યસો-ઘેરેતાઘ્યો જઘ્મોઘ્રાઘ્યો.

૩૮ આઅત્ અઘ્મોઘત્ જરથુશ્ત્રોઃ  
 ઉપ થ્વા અજ્જમ્, મધરે, અનુદધયાત્ ;

સ્પેન્તયાઘ્મો આમતોઘશ દોઘઘ્રાઘ્ય  
 અવાસ્ત્રયત મધસ્યો.

their legs entangled ; may ye tie them up with chains. When shall the Righteous, O Mazda, overcome the follower of Untruth? Let the Righteous overcome Untruth, let the Righteous overcome the follower of Untruth.

37. We revere the Divine Intelligence of Ahura Mazda by which the Holy Word is grasped.

We revere the Divine Memory of Ahura Mazda by which the Holy Word is retained.

We revere the Divine Speech of Ahura Mazda by which the Holy Word is uttered.

We worship the Mount Ushi-Daren,<sup>24</sup> the Promoter of Wisdom, by day and by night, with libations brought for the ceremony.

38. Thereupon spake Zarathushtra :

“I will smite thee down, O Serpent ”;<sup>25</sup>

And the Serpent sank into the earth under the eyes of Holy Piety.<sup>26</sup>

૩૯ હજંઘરેમ અએપજનાંમ, અએ-  
વરે અએપજનાંમ; હજંઘરેમ અએપ-  
જનાંમ, અએવરે અએપજનાંમ; હજંઘ-  
રેમ અએપજનાંમ, અએવરે અએપજનાંમ.

૪૦ અહુ નર્શ અપઅાનો ક્વપીમ યજ-  
મઇદે, યો અરેમો ખન્વાઅા નાંમ, અધાત  
અન્યએપાંમ અપઅાનાંમ ક્ષતિ યજમઇ.  
ક્વરેત ગઅાકરેનહે સૂરહે મજદધાતહે,  
ગઅાકરેનેમ સૂરેમ મજદધાતેમ યજમઇદે.

૪૧ ઉપિ અહુરહે મજદાઅા યજમઇદે,  
દરેથાઇ માંથહે સપેન્તહે.

અતમ અહુરહે મજદાઅા યજમઇદે,  
મરેથાઇ માંથહે સપેન્તહે.

હિજવાંમ અહુરહે મજદાઅા યજમઇદે,  
ક્વાકાઇ માંથહે સપેન્તહે.

અઅામ ગધરીમ યજમઇદે, યિમ  
ઉપિ-દાંમ ઉપિ-દરેનમ, પધતિ અસનિ પધતિ  
ક્ષકને, યસો-અરતાખ્યો જઅાંથ્રાખ્યો.

અપેમ વૉહુ ૧.

(કકરા ૪૦ અને ૪૧ ત્રણ વાર પઢે).

39. Hazangrem.

40. We pay our homage to the Fravashi of the Holy Man, by name Asmo-khanvat,<sup>27</sup> next do we revere greatly those of the other Holy Ones. As believers in the mighty Gaokarena<sup>28</sup> created by Mazda we do worship the mighty Gaokarena created by Mazda.

41. We revere the Divine Intelligence ...  
...brought for the ceremony.

*(Para 37.)*

Ashem Vohu (1).



૪૨ દામીમ યજ્ઞમર્ધદ યામ આમધિ-  
તીમ સ્પેન્તામ્, યેહિ દાથ્રે અપહ્રેચ, અપચ્ચો-  
નામ્ અપ-પચ્ચોધર્યનામચ દામનામ .

૪૩ અએતત દિમ વીસ્પનામ મજિ-  
શ્તમ્ દજ્ઞધાધ, અહુમચ રતમચ વિમ  
અહુરેમ મજ્ઞદામ; સ્નથાધ અંધ્રરહે  
મધન્યેઉશિ દ્રવતો, સ્નથાધ અએમહિ  
પ્રવી-દ્રચ્ચોશ, સ્નથાધ માજ્ઞધન્યનામ  
દએવનામ, સ્નથાધ વીસ્પનામ દએવનામ .  
વરેન્યનામચ દ્રવતામ્ .

( આજ્ઞમાં પઢે. ) શેકસ્તેહ ઘનામેન્યો, ખર  
અહેરેમન લેઆંનત સદ હજ્જર ખાર.

૪૪ ( પ્રગટ પઢે ) ક્રદથાધ અહુરહે  
મજ્ઞદાચ્ચો રએવતો ખરેનંધ્રઉહતો; ક્રદથાધ  
અમૅષનામ સ્પેન્તનામ્; ક્રદથાધ તિશ્નયેહિ  
સ્તારો રએવતો ખરેનંધ્રઉહતો; ક્રદથાધ નર્શિ

42. We worship Holy Piety, the Builder, who is the reward for Righteousness, of the holy souls who put Righteousness above everything.

43. This is an offering to the Greatest of all, the Lord of the Worlds and the Lord of Divine Wisdom, Ahura Mazda; this shall serve as an uplifted weapon against the Evil One, who follows Untruth, against Wrath, wielding the blood-stained mace, against the wicked ones of Mazandran,<sup>29</sup> against all the wicked ones of Varena, who have followed the Untruth.

May the power of the Evil One be broken. We repudiate him utterly a hundred thousand times.<sup>30</sup>

44. All this is for the glorification of Ahura-Mazda, the Resplendent and the Glorious; for the glorification of the Holy Immortals; for the glorification of the Star Tishtrya<sup>31</sup>, resplendent and glorious; for the glorification

અપઘ્ઘાનો; ક્રદથાધ વીરપનાંમ રપેન્તહે  
મધન્યેઉશ દામનાંમ અપઘ્ઘાનાંમ .

અપ્પમ વૉહુ ૧.

અહ્માધ રએશૂચ.

હુજંઘરેમ.

જસ મે અવંઘહે મજ્જદ.

કરેકેહ મોજ્જદ.

૪૫ રોજ નેક નાંમ, રોજ પાક નાંમ,  
રોજ મુખારક (ફલાંન), માહે મુખારક (ફલાંન),  
ગાહે (ફલાંન), નમાજ દાદારે ગેહાંન દામાંન .

દનઘ્ઘાથ અહુરહે મજ્જદાઘ્ઘા, તરોઈદીતે  
અંઘરહે મધન્યેઉશ, હુધથાવરશતાંમ હિત  
વસ્ના કપોત્તમમ . સ્તઘ્ઘામિ અપ્પમ .

અપ્પમ વૉહુ ૧.

૪૬ ગોરજે ખોરેહ અવજાયાહ દાદાર  
અહુરમજ્જદ રયોમંદ ખોરેહમંદ મીનોઘ્ઘાંન  
મીનો ઘરેતુમ ઘેરસાહ; અમાવંદ પીરોજ-  
ગર અમાવંદી પીરોજગરી.

of the Man of Righteousness ; for the glorification of the entire Holy Creation of the Holy Spirit.

Ashem Vohu (1).

Ahmai raesh-cha.

Hazangrem.

Jasa-me avanghe Mazda.

Kerfeh mozd.

45. On the auspicious day ..... the creatures of the world.

*(Atash-Nyaish, para 23.)*

Through propitiation of Ahura Mazda... answers to His Will.

*(Nirang-e Kusti Bastan, para 5.)*

Ashem Vohu (1).

46. May the Creator Ahura Mazda, the Resplendent, the Glorious, the Holiest of the Holy, be gracious unto us. May He, strong and majestic unto us in His strength and His majesty.

દાદ દીન બેહ માજદયરનાંન, આગાહી  
રવાઇ ગોઆફરંગાંની બાદ હુકતે કેશવર  
જમીન ; અએદૂન બાદ.

મન આનો આવાયદ શુદન, મન આનો  
આવાયદ શુદન, મન આનો આવાયદ શુદન.  
અપઅંને અપેમ વૉહૂ ૧.

( દક્ષિણ દિશા તરફ મોહોડું કરીને પઢે. )

દાદારે ગેહાંન, દીને માજદયરની, દાદે  
જરથુશ્તી. નેમસે-તે અપાઉમ સેવરતે  
અરેદ્દિ સૂર અનાહિતે.

અપઅંને અપેમ વૉહૂ ૧.

નેમો ઉર્વેધરે વંઘઉહિ મજદધાતે.

અપઅંને અપેમ વૉહૂ ૧.

અહુરેમ મજદાંમ રએવન્તેમ અરેનંઘ-  
ઉહન્તેમ યજમધદે.

અપેમ વૉહૂ ૧.

દાદાર અહુરમજદ રયોમંદ ઓરેહમંદ  
મીનોઆંન મીનો ઔરેતમ બેરેસાદ.

અપેમ વૉહૂ ૧.

May the knowledge, extent and fame  
..... I have to attain That.

*(Atash Nyaish, para 24.)*

Unto the Righteous. Ashem Vohu (1).

47. (Facing the South.)

The Creator of the Universe ..... holy  
world of plants, created by Mazda.

*(Atash Nyaish para 25.)*

Unto the Righteous. Ashem Vohu (1).

We worship Ahura Mazda, the Resplen-  
dent, the Glorious.

Unto the Righteous. Ashem Vohu (1)

May the Creator Ahura Mazda, the  
Resplendent, the Glorious, the most  
Spiritual in the Spiritual World  
be gracious unto us.

Ashem Vohu (1).

## હોરમજ્જદ યશતની નીરંગ.

યા દાદાર અહુરમજ્જદ, એહેરેમન  
મરેચીનીદાર નેગુનમ્ દીવાન.

બર બ્રહ્મે રસ્તાખીજ તન પસીન  
મીગુમાનમ.

અર્ષમ વૉહૂ ૧.

(આ નીરંગ હોરમજ્જદ યશત પઢ્યા પછી ત્રણ  
૧૨ પઢે.)

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## NIRANG<sup>1</sup> OF THE AHURA MAZDA YASHT.

O Ahura Mazda, our Creator, may I subdue the Evil One, who leads us astray and may I also convert the Daevas as well.

I am absolutely without any doubt or fear as regards the day of Resurrection<sup>2</sup> and the future existence.<sup>3</sup>

Ashem Vohu (1).



## NOTES.

*The Three Prayers* are the most ancient pieces in the Avesta and are regarded as of special sanctity. The *Yatha-Ahu-Vairyo* (also called the *Ahuna-Vairya* or the *Ahunavar*) is the holiest of the three. Each of these three has an ancient commentary upon it, written in the Avesta language, *Yasna* xix-xxi.

*Ashem Vohu.* This is a short stanza in praise of Righteousness.

1. *Righteousness*, or what we Parsis call *Ashoi* (अशैर्), is far deeper than mere "purity". The word *Asha* of the Avesta is a very ancient word and scholars have equated it with the

Vedic word *ṛita* ; and both the words have to be taken in the highest spiritual sense possible. The nearest English equivalent is *Righteousness* used in the sense in which it is found in the Bible. It represents the eternal Law of Truth, the one great Spiritual Law. The best definition of *Asha* is contained in the beautiful lines of Tennyson :—

That God, which ever lives and loves,  
One God, one law, one element,  
And one far-off divine event,  
To which the whole creation moves.

*Yatha-Ahu-Vairyo*. This is regarded to be the most ancient, as also the holiest, stanza of the Avesta. The usual name for this verse is *Ahuna-Vairya* which means literally “ the Will of the Lord ”. It embodies, if rightly understood, the Will of God,

inasmuch as it points out the three-fold Path to Salvation. In *Yasna*, xix, this verse is said to be the first creation of Ahura-Mazda. Linguistically it is certainly among the oldest verses in the Avesta. The translations of this verse are many and varied, each scholar having tried to render it in his own way.

The stanza is made up of three lines, each of which embodies a spiritual truth. The first line embodies the truth that "Righteousness exalteth a man". In the second line we are asked "to work for the Lord of Life", to perform all work "in His Name". The third line promises "the Strength of the Lord" to all who help their poor brothers. Righteousness brings with it true spiritual understanding and wisdom. Doing everything "in

His Name” implies love of God and devotion. And helping our poor brothers is service of humanity. Thus this exquisite verse embodies the three principles of life to KNOW, to LOVE, to SERVE. In other words, it brings out the perfecting of the human Head, Heart and Hand, in the name of and to the glory of the Supreme Lord Ahura-Mazda.

- 1-2. The temporal Ruler *Ahu*—and the Spiritual Teacher (or the Dastur)—*Ratu* are often contrasted in Avesta texts.
3. The word *Asha* here also implies the *Amesha-Spenta* (Holy Immortal), Archangel *Asha Vahishta* or *Ardibehest*. (See below note 4 on *Havan Gah*).
4. Good-Mind here also implies the *Amesha-Spenta*, *Vohu-Mano* or *Bahman*.

5. *Kshathra* (Strength) is also an *Amesha-Spenta*.

*Yenghe Hatam.* The main theme of this beautiful stanza is that true greatness is that conferred by Righteousness and that the true recognition of this comes from Mazda. A man or a woman may be of no consequence in the eyes of the world, but may be very great in the eyes of the Supreme Lord. And we have to learn to recognise this true inward greatness of the Spirit.

*Kem-Na-Mazda.* This piece is made up of four parts. The first two are stanzas taken from the *Ushtavaiti Gatha*. Para 3 is in prose and is a sort of charm to ward off evil. No. 4

is again a single line from *Gatha Spenta-Mainyu*.

1. The Fire here is the inner Spiritual Fire.
2. Good Mind here is the mind filled with devotion to God. Utter faith in Him and resignation to His Will are implied.
3. “Him” is the “Leader” prayed for.
4. *Sraosha*. The literal meaning of the name is “listening” hence “obedience to the Will of the Lord.” He is treated as an Angel of the Lord, who brings us inspiration and who is the Guardian of our Souls. “Sraosha coming with Good Mind” means that man should listen to the inner inspiration—to the Voice within—and then, by willing obedience to the

Divine Will, his mind will be filled with Love and be thus purified.

5. *Armaiti* is the fourth of the six *Amesha-Spentas*. She represents Piety and Faith. (See below note 4 on *Havan Gah*).
6. Druj, literally "the enemy." In ancient Iran this name was used for "Untruth", the greatest of our foes on earth. In the great Inscription of Darius at Behistun the most heinous crime mentioned is "telling the untruth." In this passage the word is used for all "evil" generally.
7. North was the direction of evil, the abode of demons, for the Iranians.
8. The word *Asha* has here the significance of "Divine Law".

*Ahura-Mazda Khodae*. This piece is

recited while tying on the *Kusti*, hence the name *Nirang-i-Kusti Bastan*. The whole, except para 5, is in Pazand, the spoken language of the Sasanian period, when this was composed.

1. "The Evil One" is *Ahriman* or *Angro-Mainyu*.
2. The "deluders" are those who entice the faithful from the right path. The word is used for those who hold up worldly temptations.
3. The word *darvand* means "he who has run away (from the right path)." Our old-fashioned Parsis use the word in the sense of one who is not a Zoroastrian. Strictly speaking, even a Zoroastrian, if he leaves the path of Righteousness, deserves this name.
- 4-5. The words *kik* and *karaf* are always



used in this special sense.

6. *Dushman* literally means "evil-minded".
7. "Fair-seducers" are frequently mentioned in the Avesta, often in conjunction with "deluders". (See note 2 above).
8. This is a remarkable point. A man is responsible not merely for his sins of commission and omission, but also for the sins of others he may have directly or indirectly caused.
9. Triple-pledge, i. e. of good thoughts, good words and good deeds.
10. The word generally used for "repentance" is *patet*, which literally means "turning back". True repenting is indeed "turning back" from the evil path.
11. This fifth verse is a partial quotation

from the *Gatha* (Yas. 46.19). My translation differs from the usually accepted one of Ervad K. E. Kanga, because I have tried to bring out the spirit of the original *Gatha* passage. The best way to attain the fulfilment of one's life is to act according to His Will (see note on *Yatha Ahu Vairyo*) by "propitiating" Ahura Mazda and by "frustrating" the Evil One.

*Jasa-Me Avanghe Mazda* (*The Zoroastrian Creed*). This piece, which is always recited after the *Ahura-Mazda Khodae*, is made up of the last two verses of *Yasna* xii.

1. The four chief characteristics of the faith of Zarathushtra are finely summed up here: (1) Unity, (2) Ahimsa or Harmlessness, (3) Self-Sacrifice

and (4) Righteousness.

2. It might seem an exaggeration to some people to say that our faith is greater than any "that shall be". But, if we take the whole of *Yasna* xii, we find therein described a *universal religion*, which could be acceptable to all humanity. In fact the three "commandments"—GOOD THOUGHTS, GOOD WORDS and GOOD DEEDS—and the four characteristic features described above (see note 1) are quite sufficient for a human being in any land and in any age.

*The Five Gahs.* The day is divided into five periods beginning with midnight. These are addressed as "Masters of Righteousness", because these periods, if spent in acts, words and thoughts of good, lead to Righteous-

ness. Their names also have some signification. *Ushahina* means "belonging to dawn," *Havani* is "the time for the *Haoma* ceremony", *Rapithwina* means "the middle of the day", *Uzayeirina* is "the close of the day" and *Aiwisruthrima* is "the time of reciting prayers." These five "Masters of Time," are associated with other *Ratus* (Spiritual Masters). *Ushahina* is associated with *Berezya* (lit. "Welcoming" or "Ushering in") and *Nmanaya* (Lord of the House). With *Havani* go *Savangha* (lit. "Morning Energy") and *Visya* (Lord of the Village). *Rapithwina* has as associates *Fradat-fshu* (Increaser of cattle) and *Zantuma* (Lord of the Province). *Uzayeirina* goes with *Fradat-vira* (Increaser of human beings) and *Dakhyuma* (Lord of the Land). Final-

ly with *Aicisruthrima* go *k'radat-vispam-hujyaiti* (Increaser of all good creation) and *Zarathushtrotema* (the Holiest Zarathushtra). A notable feature of these associated powers is the ever increasing scope of their usefulness. Particularly noteworthy are the five Lords, of the House, of the Village, of the Province and of the Country, and finally the Master of Religion—the Teacher of the World. This succession symbolises the grades by which a human being can rise through loving service in ever increasing circles of usefulness, upto the stage of “the Holiest Zarathushtra”, whose love would embrace the whole of humanity.

*Sraosha Baz.* Sraosha is one of the

holiest in Zoroastrian Angelology. Of the creation of Ahura-Mazda, Sraosha ranks just after the Holy Immortals (see note 4, *Havan Gah*). He is mentioned with the *Amesha-Spentas* and *Atar* (Fire) in the *Gathas*, and these are the only "Angels" whose names occur there. His name—from the root *sru* (to listen; hence, to obey)—means literally "obedience". He represents the Inner Voice in human beings, who renders obedience to the Law of God. He is, therefore, the Guardian of human souls, particularly after death. He is one of the Judges of the soul on the *Chinvat* Bridge where the reward for earthly life is finally adjusted. Hence Sraosha is the most prominent "angel" invoked in all funeral rites. For the living, too, He acts as Guardian during the hours

of darkness. The cock, who by his crowing, heralds the dawn of day, is a bird especially sacred to Sraosha. So great is the position of Sraosha in Zoroastrian Theology that the *Sraosha Baz* is a necessary prelude to all daily prayers.

1. *Holy-Word incarnate* is the special epithet of Sraosha,—naturally following from the literal meaning of His name, “obedience” to God’s Will as embodied in the Holy Word.
2. The word *Daeva* used here is in the sense not so much of “Evil” as that of “False”. The worshipper of Mazda understands the distinction between “True” and “False”, the “Eternal” and the “Transient”.
3. “May the Zaota recite.....*hacha*”. This formula occurs in every ceremonial recitation. The *Yatha-Ahu-*



*Vairyo*, being the most sacred of the holy chants, is treated as a special formula to be used for invoking the aid of Divine Beings. The *Zaota* or *Joti* is the Chief Priest and the “wise” one is the *Rathwi* (or *Raspi*) who is his assistant. The implication of this passage is that only those who are pure and wise are authorised to recite the holy *Ahunavar*. This sacred chant has to be recited with full understanding of its inner meaning, if it is to serve its purpose of “worship, praise, propitiation and glorification” of the Being invoked.

4. Here again we have the power of the *Yatha-Ahu-Vairyo* emphasised. As we saw above the *Ahuna-Vairya* (the Will of the Lord) embodies within itself the three Paths to God ; is thus in a very literal sense, the Word



that saves our Self.

*Ahmai Raesh-cha, Hazangrem, Jasa-Me Avanghe Mazda* and *Kerfeh Mozd* are usually recited towards the end of every longer "hymn". The first three are quotations from other parts of the Avesta, the fourth is a later composition in Pazand.

*Ahmai Raesh-cha* is from *Yasna* lxviii. 11 where it forms part of the benediction recited by the priest.

1. "Him" refers to the person upon whom blessings are invoked.

*Hazangrem* is a bit from *Yasna* lxviii. 15, and is also from the benediction.

*Jasa-Me Avanghe Mazda*. The opening sentence is from "the Zoroastrian

Creed" (see above). The second para is the praise of *Behram* (see note 1 below), and the third para is the praise of *Rama* (see note 3). Both these are taken from *Sciroza Yasht* I. 20-21. This piece is a glorification of special Divine Beings.

1. *Verethraghna* (later *Behram*), "The Lord of Victory", was an ancient Aryan divinity. In the Sasanian days Behram was specially venerated and the *Fire of Behram* (*Atash-Behram*), the Fire-Victorious, was regarded the holiest.
2. *Uparatat* is another divinity, typifying Power.
3. *Rama of the sweet pastures* represents "the Joy of Life". He is associated with *Vayu*.
4. *Vayu*, the Wind, is another Aryan deity. He represents the wind that

brings health and gives life to animals and plants. He is "created higher than other creation", as he works high up in the atmosphere. His activity is twofold, (1) the creative and energizing, "that part which belongs to the Good Spirit", and (2) the destructive.

*Kerfeh Mozd* is a fine little piece in Pazand, the spoken language of the Sasanian age.

1. The seven spheres are the seven regions into which the Universe has been divided.

*Havan Gah.* Besides the short Gahs, already given, there are five longer Gahs also. Each is associated with a certain number of Divinities and certain Holy Verses, who are all revered as "Masters of Righteous-

ness.”

1. *Mithra* is the Sun in His spiritual aspect as Lord of Light, of Truth, and of Justice. He watches over the whole creation and listens to everything upon earth ; hence His epithets —“ with a thousand ears and ten thousand eyes”. He is the Aryan *Mitra*. He is pre-eminently the Lord of Truth and Justice. His worship was particularly prevalent in the days of the later Achaemenians (4th century B.C.). After Alexander’s conquest *Mithra* worship spread far and wide all over western Asia and later on it became the dominant religion of the Roman Empire. *Mithra* was the *Sol invictus* of Rome. The ethical side of *Mithra* and the discipline enjoined in *Mithraism* appealed very strongly to the Roman mind. During the first

century of the Christian era, there was a time when the balance was even between Mithraism and Christianity as the paramount religion of the Roman Empire. During that period temples of Mithra were erected, all over Europe, even as far north as England and Germany.

2. Mithra is a *Yazata*, a "Worshipful-One", whose name is renowned (lit. "uttered") everywhere.
3. *Fravashi* or *Farohar* is the eternal, immutable, ever-pure essence of our being. Man is not merely the physical body plus the vital life, but there are several other "principles" that make up the whole man. Of these, *Fravashi* is the divine essence, which is never sullied by the shortcomings of flesh upon earth.
4. The *Holy Immortals*, the *Amesha-*

*Spenta*, are six in number. They are the highest and the first among the creation of Ahura-Mazda. Sometimes Ahura-Mazda is reckoned with them, making up with them the "Seven Holy Immortals". They are emanations of the Divine. They fall into two well-marked groups—the first three representing the Father-aspect and the remaining three representing the Mother-aspect of the Supreme. The names of the last three are of the feminine gender. These six are : 1. *Vohu Mano* (*Behman*), 2. *Asha-Vahishta* (*Ardibehest*), 3. *Kshathra-Vairya* (*Shehrivar*), 4. *Spenta-Armaiti* (*Spendarmad*), 5. *Haurvatat* (*Khordad*) and 6. *Ameretat* (*Amar dad*). All these six are mentioned in the *Gathas*. These names are sometimes to be taken as "personifications" of the cardinal

virtues. But in many passages mere "personification" does not quite suit, because they are thought of as distinct entities.

*Vohu-Mano* (*Behman*), literally "Good-Mind", is the first of the Holy Immortals. He represents, above everything else, Power of Love, for goodness of mind is essentially Love. This Love can manifest itself (1) as Devotion to God, the Love of the Mystic—the *eshq* of the later Sufis, and (2) as Love for the creatures of God. Both these interpretations are to be found applicable in the *Gathas*. It is often said that the doctrine of mystic Love (*bhakti*) is not clearly developed in Zoroastrianism, but the correct interpretation of *Vohu-Mano* gives valuable clues. The Love of the creatures of God, as represented by *Vohu-Mano*, in-

cludes not merely humanity, but also embraces all living (animal) creation. All animals, particularly cattle, so useful to mankind, are the special care of Vohu-Mano.

*Isha-Vahishta* (*Ardibehest*) means literally "the Best Righteousness". He represents the highest possible concept of Truth and Right\*. His special symbol is the Fire, for it is the holiest and purest of God's elements. Fire possesses two important characteristics:—it has the property of transmuting everything it touches into a semblance of itself and it always flames *upwards*. These two characteristics of Fire aptly symbolise the magic power of Righteousness, which transmutes the lower passions

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Similar to the idea in the Bible where Christ talks of "Righteousness".



of man and leads him upwards. His special care is the human kingdom.

*Kshathra-Vairya* (*Shahrivar*) literally is “Power at Will.”\* He represents the Strength of the Lord and the Path of Service. He represents Kingly Power and Royalty upon earth—not so much the pomp and grandeur of kings, but rather their power to protect their subjects. His special care is the mineral kingdom.

*Spenta-Armaiti* (*Spendarmad*) literally means “Holy Devotion”. She is the first of the Mother-Trinity of the Holy Immortals. She represents firm, unswerving faith in and loyalty towards God and His commands. She watches over religion and inspires the faithful. At the very beginning

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\* Sometimes the name is given as *Vohu-Kshathra* (the Good, or Great, Power).

of the *credo* (*Yasna* xii) the believer says : “ I choose for myself the excellent Spenta-Armaiti; may she ever be with me ”. She works with Asha, She rules over our Earth, and in places She represents our Mother-Earth, who sustains us and nourishes us all on her bosom. Spenta-Armaiti is our Mother, both physical and spiritual. When a Zoroastrian dies, he is left in Her care. After the body is placed inside the Tower of Silence and its destruction has begun, the people assembled outside recite certain holy chants beginning with the last line of the Kem-na Mazda “ Salutation unto Armaiti ”.

*Haurvatat* (*Rhordad*) and *Ameretat* (*Amardad*) are often mentioned together in the *Gathas*. These names mean “ Perfection ” and “ Immorta-

lity" respectively. They represent Perfection and Immortality which for the human being are to be attained simultaneously. *Haurvatat* presides over the waters that give health and strength. *Ameretat* rules over the vegetable kingdom and represents "the Tree of Immortality".

5. *Yazatas*, literally "the Worshipful-Ones", are the Divine Beings at a level lower than that of the Holy Immortals. The highest among these is *Sraosha*.
6. *Havani* is the metal mortar in which *Haoma* twigs are crushed and then mixed with water to form the sacred offering to the Divine Beings invoked.
7. *The Holy Questions* are those asked by Zarathushtra to Ahura Mazda, together with their answers, which

are included in the Gathas and which make up the sum total of His Revelation. These are invoked here as "Masters of Righteousness" in the sense that these lead to Righteousness.

8. *The Laws of Ahura* are those contained in the Scriptures.

9. *Yasna Haptanghaiti* are sections xxxv-xlii of the *Yasna*. These sections are perhaps next to the *Gathas* in age and are in the praise of the Holy Immortals.

10. *Airyema-Ishyo* is section liv of the *Yasna*. It is a short stanza in the Gatha dialect in praise of *Airyaman*, who is an ancient Aryan deity representing Friendship and Love. In the Avesta, as well as in the Veda, *Airyaman* is appropriately invoked at the time of marriage. In fact this verse (*Yas.* liv. 1) is used in the wedding

service of the Parsis.

11. *Visya*, the Lord of the Village, is the second of the five Lords of social organisation among the ancient Aryans. (See above, note on the Five Gahs).
12. *Baresman* is used for various ceremonies. In ancient times twigs of a certain plant were laid out or tied up in bundles. The size and number depended upon the ceremony to be performed. At the present time these are represented by thin metal wires.
13. *The Sacred Girdle* (the *Kusti*) is an essential part of the Zoroastrian dress. It is a very ancient institution going back to Aryan times, when Indians and Iranians were living together as one people. As a uniform indicating the Aryan race and an adherent of the Aryan religion every

child was invested with the Sacred Shirt (the *Sudreh*), and the Sacred Girdle (the *Kusti*) upon attaining a certain age. This was the *Navjot* (the New Birth) into the religious fold. Our Hindu brothers, too, call those who have been thus invested the "twice-born" (*dvija*).

14. *Apam-Napat* (literally "the Offspring of the Waters") is another Indo-Iranian deity. He is associated both with Water and with Fire. Probably this is a representation of lightning flashing from the clouds.

15. *Nairyosangha* (literally "praised by men") is associated with various deities. He acts as a messenger of Ahura-Mazda and wards off disease in the world. He is a close associate of Atar (Fire). In the Veda the name is an epithet of Fire. (See also note 13

on the *Atash Nyaish*).

16. *Dama-Upamana* is the Power going forth from the Sacred Word, specially against those who leave the path of Righteousness, and is always present, as it were, when there is a trial of faith by ordeal.

17. *The Souls of the departed* and the *Fravashis* are two distinct ideas. The Soul (*Ravan*) is that part of our being which enables us to distinguish between right and wrong. The name means "the chooser". The *Fravashi* is the eternal, divine part of our being. It is not corrupted however bad the individual may be.

When the Soul (*Ravan*) and the *Fravashi* are united,—when, in other words, the Soul realises the essential unity between itself and the eternal portion of its being,—then one has

achieved final salvation.

18. That Ahura-Mazda "hath advanced furthest in Righteousness" is a remarkable notion. The implication is that Ahura-Mazda advances along the path of Righteousness at the head of all His creation. The idea of endless progress is implied in this phrase. It also seems to imply that whatever heights the human soul may attain, Ahura-Mazda would always be above him.

### *Atash Nyaish.*

The *Nyaish* (five in number) are shorter hymns compiled for daily use. The finest of these is that dedicated to Fire. The opening verses (3-5) are directly from the Gathas and verse 22 as well. Verses 9-18 are from *Yasna* xl (1-10). There are other poetical



passages of great beauty. Not merely the physical Fire but the inner Spiritual Fire is to be understood throughout.

1. The *Fire of Behram* is the holiest of the three grades of fire as installed to-day. These grades are: *Atash-Dadgah*, which is the household fire found in every home; *Atash-Adaran*, the consecrated fire of the Temple; and *Atash-Behram*, the most sacred and the highest of the Fires. The first can be kindled every day and can be tended by any Zarathoshti worshipper. The second has to be consecrated after many ceremonies. Only an ordained priest could tend it. It is not allowed to be extinguished after it is once kindled. The *Atash-Behram* (the Fire-Victorious) requires extremely complicated and elaborate cere-

monial before installation. Only a special class of priests, after careful preparatory ceremonies of purification, can go near the *Behram* Fire for tending it. While in attendance, they have to observe very strict ceremonial purity. The Fire of Behram is always called *Padshah* (or King). There are in all eight *Atash-Behram* Temples in India. Four are in Bombay, two in Surat, one in Navsari and one, the holiest and the oldest, in Udwada. This last is the *Iranshah* Fire, the visible symbol of the ancient Royal Glory of Iran. It has been blazing for nearly 1000 years, ever since its installation soon after the arrival of the Parsi Pilgrim Fathers at Sanjan. This Iranshah has been the centre of all Parsi hopes and aspirations through all these centuries and has

given comfort and solace to thousands of devout hearts.

2, 3, 4. The three verses (3, 4, 5) are from *Gatha Ahunavaiti* (xxxiii. 12, 13, 14). These constitute the prayer of Zarathushtra that his soul may be purified and strengthened, and in return the Prophet dedicates "the life indeed of his own Self" and the full fruits of his meditations unto Mazda and he offers all his words and deeds to the task of preaching the Law of Asha (Righteousness).

5. *The ancient Glory of the Aryan Race.* All through the history of the ancient Iranians we constantly find evidences of their pride in belonging to the Aryan race. Darius the Great, at the beginning of his Inscription at Behistun, mentions with evident pride that he is "a Parsa (Persian), son of a

Parsa, an Arya of Aryan race”.

6. *The Royal Glory* has been regarded as a special spiritual emblem bestowed by Mazda upon the Rulers of Iran. In the *Zamyad Yasht* this Royal Glory is described as descending upon the various great Sovereigns in turn. In times of national peril and of temporary eclipse of Aryan rule at the hands of the enemy the various deities guard this Royal Glory and prevent its capture by the unworthy foes of Iran.

7. *Royal Husravah* is the illustrious King Kai-Khusrav of the Kayanian dynasty. His name means “well-famed”. He is one of the Immortals; he retired into a cave after the completion of his task and he is waiting there until the call comes to him to serve Iran once again.

8. *The Lake Husravah* (the well-famed lake) has been mentioned as situated about fifty leagues from the Caspian Sea. It has been identified by some scholars with Lake Van. Others think it to be a land-locked bay of the Caspian. The name evidently indicates some connection with the Royal Kai-Khusrav.
9. *The Mount Asnavant* is near the Chaechista Lake and here Kai-Khusrav installed the famous Fire Goshasp.
10. *Lake Chaechista* is the Lake Urumiah, sacred in Zoroastrian history.
11. *Mountain Raevant* was the shrine of the Fire Burjin.
12. *The other Fires* refer to the various other holy shrines of Fire scattered through Iran.

3. *Nairyosangha* is the Spiritual Fire glowing in the hearts of Kings and inspiring them to do their duty. The phrase literally means “inspirer of the seed of royalty”.
4. Fuel, Barsam, Milk and Mortar are the four things needed for the Haoma ceremony. The milk is to be mixed with Haoma juice. The ceremony is to represent all kingdoms of nature, and milk stands for the animal creation, and the metal mortar for the mineral kingdom.
5. *This house* is the human body and the fire to be kindled therein is the Spiritual Fire of Ahura-Mazda. This thought has been very beautifully brought out by the Parsi poet Firoz R. Batliwala in his fine poem અહિ વાસુકી ઠીકે અહિ વાસુકી (Make a Fire-Temple of this Body).

16. The mighty Resurrection. The word *frasho-kereti* literally means "making renewed". It is the re-orientation of all one's life when the man has set his feet definitely on the path to God.
17. The word used in the sense of "joyous" originally means "swift," implying that the "joy of life" (*joie de vivre*) is desired; and this is amplified in the next line by the word "full". The idea is that the powers granted to us are to be utilised for bringing us the full meaning of life; life is to be a joyous and crowded experience if it is lived on the side of Righteousness and inspired by the inner Fire.
18. The friend "that fareth forth" is the man who goes out into the everyday world, and He "that sits within" is the inner Fire. The idea here is that



all outer activities of man should be dedicated to the inner man, the higher Self—the Spiritual Fire.

19. *Hadhanaepata* is the pomegranate, twigs of which are used in the ceremonies, together with those of Haoma, to represent the vegetable world.
20. The fuel brought to the Fire “purified by rules of Righteousness” consists of our shortcomings and vices which are to be “exposed to the Light”, and transmuted into virtues, and these are offered to the inner Fire, “the son of Ahura-Mazda”.
21. The whole of paragraph 19 is in Pazand and in order not to break up the flow of Avesta recital the Pazand passages are to be muttered (અજમી ૫૯ not clearly chanted).
22. This verse is also from *Gatha Ahunavaiti* (xxxiv. 4). The reference is to the



- “ordeal by fire” which leaves the devotee unharmed but works harm to the enemy at a mere gesture of God.
23. The various Fires mentioned here are the famous shrines of Iran.
24. These words (thrice repeated) occur at the end of every Nyaish and Yasht. Literally “I have to attain to Him,” i. e. to the Divinity in whose honour the prayer has been composed.
25. *South* is the direction of the Holy Ones, as opposed to the North which is the abode of the Demons. (See Note 7 in *Kem-na Mazda*).
26. The Waters and the Plants invoked here are not merely the earthly waters and plants but also the spiritual waters and plants—the Waters of Life and the Plants of Immortality.

*Ahura-Mazda Yasht. The Yashts*

(Songs of Praise) are the longer pieces usually dedicated to one of the Divine Beings. All the *Yazatas* and *Amesha-Spentas* do not have *Yashts* dedicated to them ; but the majority have one in their name. These form part of the *Khordeh Avesta*, a miscellaneous collection of hymns, prayers and pieces, meant for daily use by all. Of the *Yashts* the first is in the name of the Supreme Being, Ahura Mazda. It is really made up of two pieces—the *Ahura-Mazda Yasht* proper and a small fragment usually called the *Bahman Yasht*. The former contains passages of great beauty and spiritual grandeur. The various “Names of Ahura Mazda” should form good subjects of meditation day after day. The first three verses form the usual liturgical beginning. The actual

Yasht begins with verse 7.

1. Verses 4 and 5 which occur several times in various pieces of the *Khordeh Avesta*, are in reality a short *Credo* and are from the *Yasna* (xi. 17-18). Verse 6 is the dedication of all one's powers to the service of God and His Will as represented by the Amesha-Spentas. The word *tanu* in the text originally means "body"; but in the Avesta (as also in Sanskrit) it is often used in the sense of the Self, i. e. all the faculties (physical, mental and spiritual) of a man. See also Sraosha Baz (verse 5) and Atash Nyaish (verse 5) when the word is used in the same sense.
2. Some texts contain the words મિસ્વાનહે ગાત્વે ખ્યાતહે (as also of the middle world) here. But these words are probably an interpolation.

3. *Us the Holy Immortals.* It is noteworthy that Ahura Mazda is here included among the Holy Immortals, making them seven in all. In the *Gathas* all these seven are sometimes addressed as "Mazda Ahuras" (*Mazdaos-cha Ahuraongho*, in the plural). Their unity is also emphasised in a famous passage of *Farvardin Yasht* (83): "These seven who are one in thought, and a single word, and deed whose Father and Teacher is the Creator Ahura-Mazda".

4. *The Seed of Asha.* All good creation is often called "the Seed of Asha". Asha is the origin of all life and evolution, hence this phrase.

5. There is a clear difference implied here between "Knowledge" and "Wisdom", the latter being of the

Spirit.

6. The original name is in the negative from "Devoid of Hatred".
7. *The Just Accountant*, literally, "He who remembers all"; implies that Ahura Mazda keeps full account of all acts of all creatures as mentioned in *Gatha Ahunavaiti* (xxix. 4).
8. *The Waters and the Trees*, see note 25 on *Atash Nyaish*.
9. *Two-legged serpents who distort the Truth* are hypocrites and false teachers. In another place (*Yasna* ix. 31) Haoma is asked to smite on the head "these soul-destroying distorters of Truth, who repeat the precepts of Religion but do not put them into practice".
10. *Wolves* are mentioned as typical wild beasts of prey, against whom

the Iranians required protection.

11. *Mutter* the Names means repeat them in an undertone or in the mind (not chanting them aloud). But the main idea here is turning them over and over in the mind, *meditating* on them and trying to realise their inner significance.
12. *Athravan* is Priest, the first and highest of the four classes of human beings. The other three are *Ratheshtar* (Warrior), *Vastrya* (Cultivator) and *Hutoksha* (Artisan). The close parallel with Hindu social divisions is very noticeable. *Athravan* means literally "he who tends the Fire".
13. *The Holy Word of Prosperity* is the name specially given to *Yasna* lviii on account of its contents.
14. *Wrath* (*Aeshma*) is the foremost lieutenant of the Evil Spirit, Ahri-

man. He is the root of all evil actions. In the *Gatha Ahunavaiti* (xxix. 1) he is put at the head of the list of evils from which the Soul of Mother Earth (*Geush Urvan*) has been suffering. It is noteworthy that the name of this *Aeshma Daeva* occurs in the Christian *Apocryphal Gospels* as *Asmodeus*.

*Varana* in the North of Iran (modern Gilan) was regarded as the abode of demons because of the wild inhospitable nature of the land and of the savage tribes who dwelt there.

16. *Airyana Vaeja* is the ancient cradle land of the Aryans. The name later became *Iranvej* and then *Iran*.
17. *Saoka* is a Divine Being, whose name means "brilliance".
18. *Daiti* is the sacred river flowing through *Airyana Vaeja*.

19. *Aredvi* is the Angel of Waters. She represents various things—the heavenly waters, the vital fluid in the human body, etc. Often the name is used for the ocean.
20. From verse 32 the so-called *Bahman Yasht* begins.
21. *Longer Yasna and shorter Yasna*. For ritual purposes the recital of the whole of the *Yasna* is often curtailed, and this is called the *shorter Yasna*.
22. Note how the Holy Immortals are called here those “dwelling in the abode” of Ahura Mazda. Some have translated the word *dami* (abode) as “creation”. That does not seem correct grammatically.
23. The two phrases in inverted commas in verse 34 are quoted directly



from *Gatha Ahunavaiti*, xxviii. 11 and xxx. 4 respectively.

24. *Ushi-Darena*, "the Promoter of Wisdom", is a holy mountain closely connected with the life of Zarathushtra, as the spot where He attained Wisdom. Its exact position has not been ascertained exactly.
25. *The Serpent* is the Evil-One, *Ahrîman*. In Avesta the word *maîrya* (serpent) is used often to indicate the wicked (see note 8 above).
26. There seems to be some confusion in the arrangement of the paragraphs here. A more natural arrangement would be to transpose paragraphs 37 and 38.
27. *Asmo-khanvat* seems to have been among the earliest pupils of Zarathushtra outside His own family. In

the *Farvardin Yasht* (96) the name of Asmo-khanvat heads the list of the immediate pupils of Zarathushtra.

28. *Gaokarena*, also called the “ White Haoma ”, is the Tree of Immortality.
29. *Mazandran* has always been looked upon as a region of evil because of the climate, the dense mountain-forests and the wild people there.
30. This sentence is in Pazand and has to be “muttered” (બાજમી ૫૩), not clearly pronounced.
31. *Tishtrya* is the star Sirius, associated with the life-giving rains.

### *Nirang of the Ahura-Mazda Yasht.*

1. *Nirang* is the name given to short Pazand pieces attached to most of the longer Yashts. They generally express abhorrence of evil.

2. *The day of Resurrection* is really an individual matter. When the individual human being turns his back upon the evil path, that is for him the Renovation of Life (*Frashokereti*), hence it is "the day of Resurrection" for him.
3. *Future existence*, literally it means the "body hereafter".

